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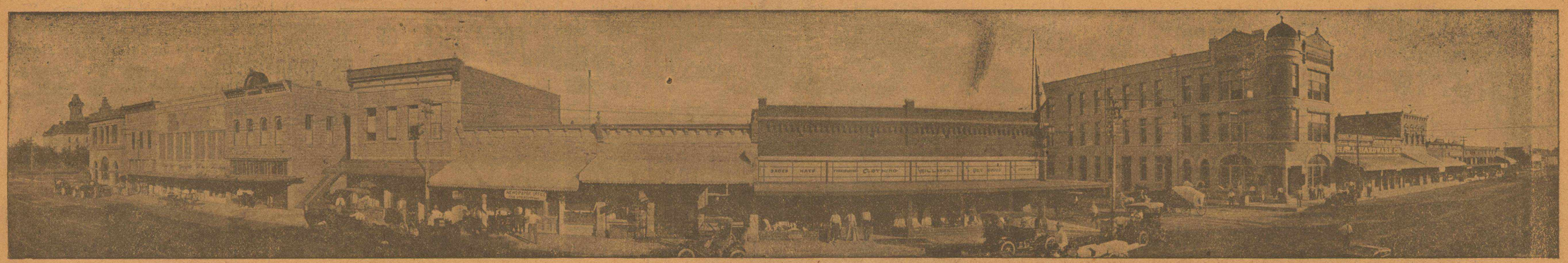


SOUTH SIDE HUTCHINS AVENUE

MEXICAN REBELS GAINING GROUND

Anarchy is in Power in Mexico. No Hope for Huerta Government to Win.

Mexico City, June 22.—In the three months General Huerta has been president of Mexico he has made no substantial headway against the rebels, according to the opinions of close and impartial observers of the situation in this republic. Unless there is made a radical change in the conduct of the government's campaign against its enemies or unless the rebels become much weaker than they are today, foreign observers believe that Huerta will have great difficulty in restoring peace to Mexico.

As for the rebels, they have grown steadily stronger since General Huerta became president, and now there is scarcely a state in which their mobile columns have not been operating in defiance of the government's superior armament and organization.

"The country is plumged in anarchy" said El Diario. a pro-government paper, recently. "Brigandage holds sway in a large portion of the national territory; defeated in one place, the bands reappear in anaoher and they carry their audacity to the point of defying the federal divisions in their headquarters."

The usual expression of the local papers, however, is of a different character. For the most part they reflect the carefully studied optimistic tone of the officers at the national palace, who make much of deafeats administered here and there, and often fail to make any mention at all of rebel victories

PRINTING BOYS ENJOY PEACH TREAT.

R. J. Deens, the livery stable man, left a nice sack of peaches at The Ledger office Monday morning and all operations suspended until the force could make a thorough test of them. Mr. Deens raised these peaches in his yard, and he is now reaping the benefits of his enterprising spirit. He not only profits by the delicious fruit the trees are yielding, but they add much to the appearance of his home. The whole Ledger force joins in saying "thank you," Mr. Deens.

BROWNWOOD WOMEN SELL $100 WORTH OF PENCILS

Brownwood, June 22.—The Women's Federated Clubs held a "pencil day" here today and realized more than $100 from the sale of pencils. This method of raising money was adopted as a substitute for the old "tag" day, and the innovation met with the approval of the business men and citizens.

The money thus obtained by the ladies will be used in furnishing

STINGING ANTS CAPTURE HOME

San Antonio Firmen Called On to Fight Ants. Peculiar Experience is This.

San Antonio, Texas, June 23.—An entire fire company was routed Saturday in a ten-hour battle with winged ants.

Responding to a fire alarm turned in from 1105 Burleson St., the home of Adolph Dullnig, Fire Company No. 10 arrived on the scene to find, not leaping flames, but countless millions of flying creatures, whose sting was soon found to be as sharp as the pain of fire.

The ants covered the house hundreds deep. Streams of water were soon playing on all sides of the structure, but the only effect was to roll the ants up into balls. The living spheres would drop to the ground and presently disintegrate, their component thousands fighting until freedom was theirs once more. The ants drove good, and after ten hours of continuous battling the fire company declared an armistice in order to find some one more versed in the tactics of ant warfare.

At a council of war it was decided to return to the conflict with formaldehyde as the weapon.

The members of the fire company regard it as a peculiar circumstance that the ants did not light on any of the neighboring houses, but clung more and more tenaciously to the Dullnig house as the firemen grew more and more determined to drive them away.

Patronize our Advertisers.

TEMPLE SUFFERS HOTEL FIRE

Fire Starting at 2 O'clock Tuesday Morning Spreads Rapidly and Inmates of Hostelry Have Narrow Escape

Temple, Tex., June 24.—Fire starting at 2 o'clock this morning at the corner of Central avenue and Fifth street completely destroyed, three story frame building. Many narrow escapes are reported, but it is thought all the guests, of which there were about thirty, escaped, though many of them got out in their night clothes and saved none of their clothing, or baggage.

With a high south wind blowing, the entire block of residences were in danger.

Mr. Dullnig and his family from their household.

The burning of sulphur did no

BROWNWOOD COMING FOR THREE GAMES

Strong Team Will Battle For Game on Local Diamond Thursday, Friday and Saturday

A baseball team made up of the best players from Brady, Brownwood, Lampasas, San Saba and two or three other towns, will arrive Thursday at noon and will make an effort to entertain the Ballinger boys with three games.

For several days the local fans have been wondering who would be the victims for the local tear on barbecue day, and all minds were put at ease today when it was announced that Brownwood had accepted the invitation come.

The local team will be made up with strong players, and same real sport is promised for the last three days of this week. It is reported here that Wooden had joined the Brownwood team and would play against his home town in the three games. He is in Brownwood, and we have not been able to learn whether this is true or not.

Work on the park is being pushed and will be completed by the time the first game is called, and everything will be in good shape for giving the local fans their money's worth.

W. H. Greer and family, of South Ballinger, left Saturday afternoon for Paris, Tenn., their old home, where they will visit with relatives and friends during the summer.

SPLENDID SUPPER.

On Monday evening at his fine ranch home near Talpa, Aug Herring entertained a few of his friends with a splendid barbecued supper. Among whom C. C. Schuchard, R. O. Walton and W. T. Ward of Ballinger had the pleasure of being present on this occasion and report a most enjoyable time.

A special price of $4.00 on $5.00 trousers. THE GLOBE. 24-2d

MEXICAN FEDERALS LICKED AGAIN

Rebes Capture Gen. Ojeda, and Little Time Will Be Lost in Execution.

Douglass, Ariz., June 23.—General Pedro Ojeda, the federal commander, who fought a three days' battle in and around Ortiz, Mexico with the attacking state troops under General Obregon, was today reported to have surrendered. The constitutionalist junta here was unable to confirm the report.

Advices from the junta and private sources at Nogales, Ariz, last night stated that Ojeda had been surounded and handicapped by the greater strength of his enemy and steady loss by desertions would be forced to surrender.

This gave color to the report today, which received credence not only among sympathizers with the Sonora insurgents, but also among observers on the American side of the line.

COUNTY GETS DEMONSTRATION FARMER

Commissioners Court Met Tuesday Afternoon and Made Appropriation for Employing Demonstration Farmer

Please give Runnels county another score. Farming will be done hereafter on scientific lines, and business basis, provided the farmers desire to join hands with the government and work for the general betterment of farm conditions in this county.

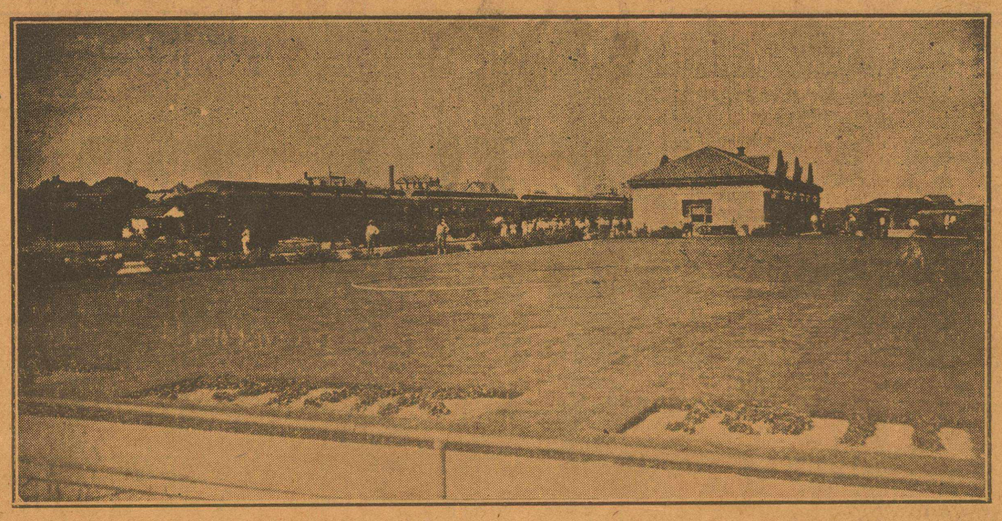
The commissioners court in session made the appropriation asked for and set aside $800 for the purpose of employing a demonstration farmer. This amount is added to by an appropriation of $400 from the government, and as soon as he can be secured, an expert farmer will be employed to travel over this county and give the farmers the benefit of his experience. His services will be free to every farmer that desires him, or just as many as he can get. to.

It is too late to reap much benefit from the work for the present crop, but in order to get the $400 from the government it was necessary for the county to make the appropriation before July 1st. It will probably be some time before a suitable man can be secured, and while he may get started late this year, he will have time to get his work lined up and be ready for the 1914 crop, and then too, there is much for him to do through the fall and winter. Those who wish to make a thorough try out on the system should begin in time and prepare their land, and select the best seed possible.

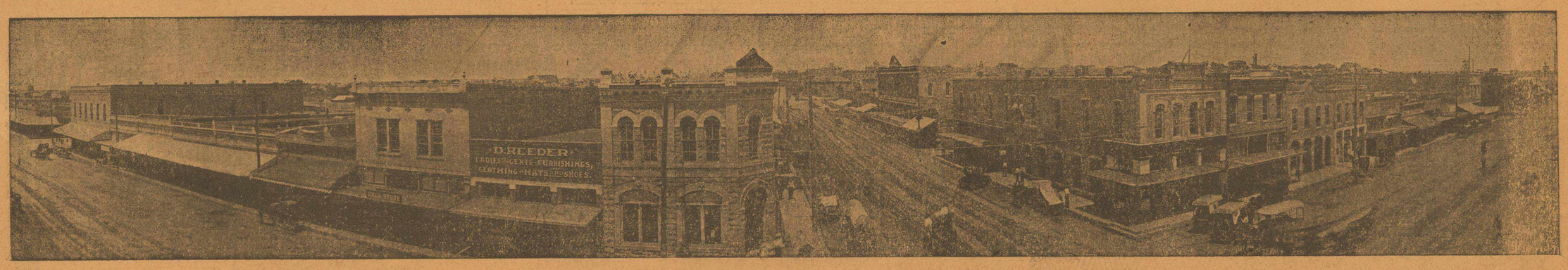
Of course there will brobably be some in the county who will not endorse the court's action in making this appropriation, but practically every county that has tried the demonstration farm work are keeping it up, and it s provng a great benefit to the farmers of those counties. If others are making better crops and profiting under the plan there is no reason why Runnels county should not reap the same benefit.

J. E. Williams and his daughter Mrs. Jim McWhirter returned home Monday at noon from a short visit to relatives and friends at Winters.

Ballinger's $30,000 Santa Fe Station



One of the Prettiest Parks in Texas

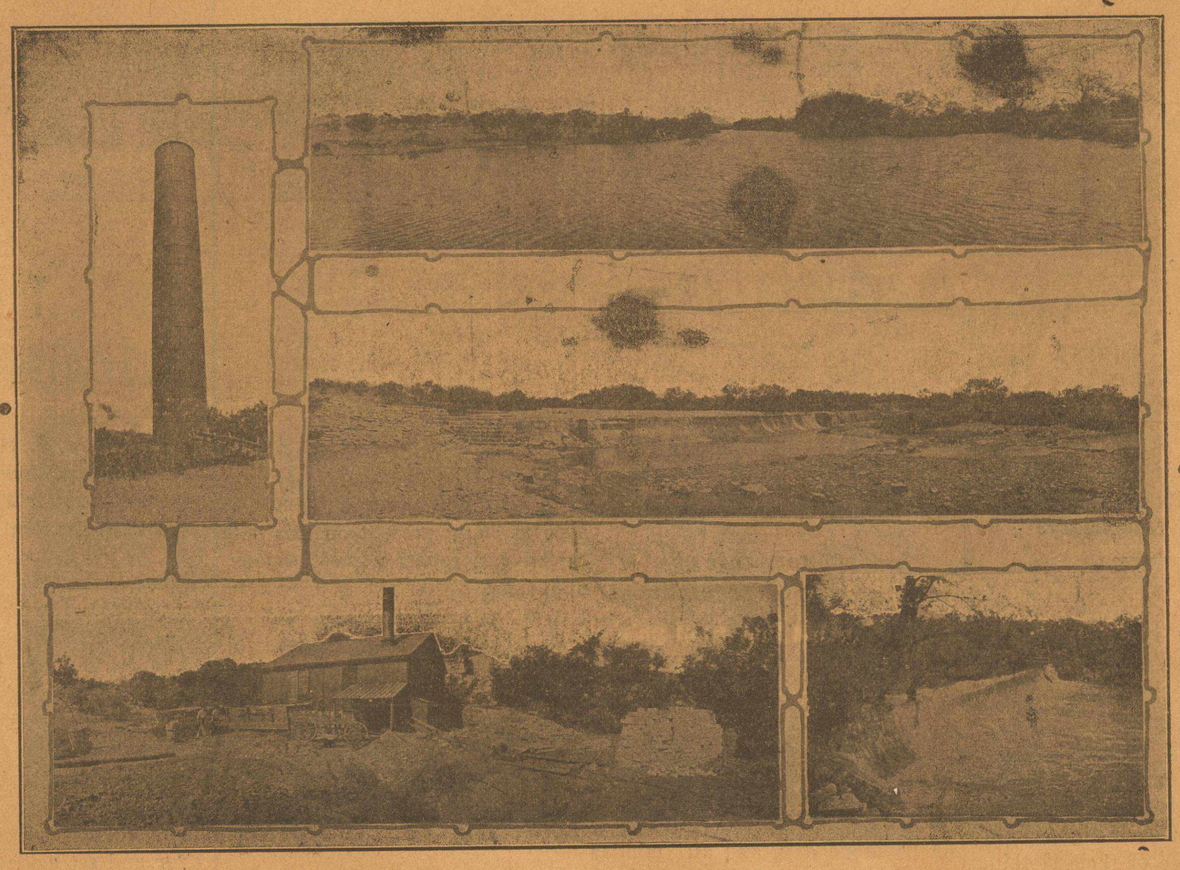


NORTH SIDE HUTCHINS AVENUE

BALLINGER'S SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLAR WATER WORKS SYSTEM

The following ad appeared in the Leader on May 18, 1888: "On and after August 1st, water will be 20 cents a barrel, or six barrels for one dollar. Barrels must be placed where the wagon can reach them conveniently."

Today the water rate in Ballinger is 20 cents per thousand gallons, or about one cent per barrel. and all you have to do is to open the hydrant.



It is said by some of those who occupied tents here when houses were considered a luxury, that water was used only for bathing and washing dishes, and not extensive-ly for that, and of course the water bill in the early days of the taown was a small item.

The water wagon continued to make its rounds daily and collected in the water tickets as it gave in exchange 1-4 barrel, 1-2 barrel and barrel—just as the customer ordered, until the latter part of 1893. In the early part of 1893 a bond issue was held to determine whether the city should issue bond for the purpose of building a water works system. The bond issue carried, and work of installing what is now one of the best water work plants in Texas was soon under good headway. This was the way twenty years ago, and it is still the Ballinger way—when the citizens undertake a job they don't let up until it is completed.

Today the entire town is a net work of water mains, ranging in size from eight tnches to two inches, and water is being supplied for household, and irrigation purposes, and for any purposes the consumer sees fit to use it for. It is so cheap that it is almost free. A committee was recently appointed by the city council to investigate the rates of the neighboring towns with a view of lowering the Ballinger rate. The commtte reported, and their report they show that no town has than Ballinger.. This plant is more than self sustaining, and in recent years valuable improvements have been made.

The system now consists of thousands of feet of mains, two dams on Elm creek that store a supply of water that would supply a city many times the size of Ballinger. A splendid pumping plant pumps the water into an eighty-five foot reservoir, but before it goes into the reservoir and from there out into the mains, it is carried through a large settling tank and then through a filter that cost the city five thousand dollars.

In addition to furnishing first-class water at a very low rate, our water supply has been the means of lowering the insurance rate. No complaint can be found by the insurance companies at Ballinger's fire protection on account of the water system. The system is Ballinger's most valuable asset, and it is the pride of every citizen.

FROM FILES OF LEADER OF 1888

In an intercation between Frank Bowman and an Irishman named Holland Thursday. Holland was badly wounded by being hit over the head with a beer bottle. Dr. Rape dressed the wounds, and Holland is getting along as well as could be expected.

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Theman who robbed the stage coach last Saturday is known to be a San Angelo sport. It is generally supposed—like a good many others—he paid too much railroad bonus and went broke from the effects of depleting his pile in a dull town.

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A young man from the east recently came toRunnels county on an excursion, brought 100 six-shooters to sell to help pay his expenses. He took them all back with him and is now certain that this is a poor gun market.

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The contractors get $3787 for moving the jail from Runnels to Ballinger. $2200 will be paid by the railroad company and the people of Ballinger. The county will pay the other. It will cost the contractors $10 per day for every day after Nov. 18, if the jail is not received in Ballinger by that time.

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Early Tuesday evening the people began to assemble at the Methodist church in Ballinger for the purpose of witnessing the ceremony uniting in the holy bond of wedlock, the beautiful and accom plishel Miss Jessie Bonsall to the popular and handsome Mr. E. A. Trail.

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San Angelo, Texas, June 27, 1888.—The man who robbed the San Angelo and Ballinger stage last Saturday evening, was recognized by one of the passengers as being a gambler by the name of Gray, who had been in this place for some time ,but on Friday nigh borrowed a six shooter from the bartender at the Legal Tender saloon and left town. The officers are making a strong effort to catch the robber.

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The ball given at the Dunlap hotel on Monday night last was the most enjoyable social event of the season. Among those who were present were Judge and Mrs. J. W. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rives, Misses Nora Reed, Josie Nelson, Jennie Gardner, Josie Bonsall, Eva Slocum, Mary Weeks Fannie Day, Carmelia Bird and Lou Patterson Merrrs. Dee Swift, J. W. Pickens, P. H. Carnes, J. F Currie, A. Trail, A. Higdon, W. Wright, Capt. Brooks, Ed Dozier and Thos. A. Rape.

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The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of $1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis

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Runnels County Ancient History---Early Elections and Etc.

On January 12, 1880, the Commissioners' Court of Coleman met in call session, to hear and determine the petition of citizens of Runnels County, asking and praying that said Runnels County be seperated from Coleman county for judicial purposes. The petition was heard and granted on this date, and Runnels County in all respects was given full control of all its governmental affairs.

ness until the 11th of March, 1880, when they again met and adjourned until the 12th of March, without transacting any business. On the 12th of March such business as buying books and stationery, a transcript of Runnels County Records was purchased from A. G. Viz for the sum of $100.00 cash and $227.00 in script, also L. N. Taylor was appointed County Attorney; Thad A. Thompson was di

and Henry Garmon Surveys, (afterward called Runnels), were in the contest for the honor. The vote taken resulted in said Surveys receiving a majority of the vote polled, Maverick received 29 votes and the Surveys (Runnels) received 59 votes.

The county held its first election, according to the records of election returns, on the 2nd day of Nov. 1886, after having been duly



Ballinger's first stone business houses. These buildings occupied the lots where the Ballinger Dry Goods Co, J. Y. Pearce drug store and D. Reeder store is now located. They were destroyed by fire and later replaced with more modern buildings. First National Bank to right.

Thereafter on March 10, 1880, the first session of Runnels County, same being a call session, met for the first time with the following officers present, to-wit: Syl Adams, County Judge; Wm. Guest Commissioner, precinct No. 1; W. G. Preston, Com. Pre. No. 2; P S. Turner, Com. Pre No 3; John Formwalt, sheriff, and W. N. Copeland, Clerk. The court adjourned without transacting any busi-

rected to locate all school land, and report at the next term of the court, and Mr. Cotten's stone house at Walthall, was selected a temporary Court House. Thus closed the first session of the Commissioners' Court that ever was held in Runnels County.

The First County Capitol.

The next thing to be of any note was the selection of a County Sit Maverick and Elm Willet-Holmes

organized. During this year, Hon. L. S. Ross was elected Governor of the State, he receiving 377 votes in this county, and the opposition received 33 votes. For County Judge Hon. Syl Adams, received the plurality vote, which numbered 177, there being several candidates in the field. County and District Clerk, W. L. Towner, County Attorney W. R. Spencer, Sheriff J. M. Formwalt, County Treasurer W. H. Wilson, Assessor D. C. Underwood, Surveyor H. E. Dickinson, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, C. H. Willingham, and for Constable Precinct No. 1, H. Conner, reecived 196 votes and Jo Wilmeth, the opposing candidate, received 67 votes.

Vote on State Prohibition.

On August 4th 1887, the County voted in the State Prohibition Election, as follows: For State-wide Prohibition, 234 votes; and against state-wide Prohibition, 160 votes, giving the Dry a majority of 74.

Ballinger Gets County Site.

Possibly one of the most interesting features in regard to elections, was the vote upon the change of the County Site from Runnels to Ballinger. Only three boxes voted at this election, where as there should have been several more, which goes to prove that there was but very little interest manifested in the matter of changing the location, and as the vote will show, all seemed to have been of the same accord. Election was held Dec. 21, 1887, and resulted as follows:

Runnels No. 1, for locating at Ballinger, 11 votes, against none.

Ballinger No. 7, for locating at Ballinver 221 votes, against none.

Content No. 2 for locating at Ballinger 14 votes, against one.

Giving a total vote of 246 in favor of locating county site at Ballinger, and 1 vote against the proposition.

1888 County Election.

On Nov. 6, 1888, the following of ficers were elected; with the number of votes received respectively, in Runnels county:

County Judge, W. A. Proctor, 158 votes, opposition polled about 350 votes.

County and District Clerk, W. L. Towner, received 470 votes.

Sheriff and Tax Collector, J. M. Formwalt, received 262, against 213 for the opposition.

County Treasurer, E. B. Wilson received 14 votes, J. B. Cotten 87, E. D. Walker 65, S. G. Dannally 63, W. A. Revis 228 and J. W. Hathaway 16 votes. W. A. Revis having a plurality was duly elected.

Tax Assessor, among a number of others, the following gentlemen were in the race: Joe S. Cotten 99 votes, Jo Wilmeth 117, R. C. Tillery 121, and R. A. Hall 107 votes, Mr. Tillery being elected.

For County Surveyor, the race was rather warm between H. E. Dickinson and James Patterson, the former reeciving 254, and the latter 219 votes.

For Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, the election resulted in a tie vote, between C. H. Willingham and C. R. Crews, each received 154 votes.

Ballinger Incorporated—First City Election

Another matter of local interest was when Ballinger voted to incorporate, the question of incorporation seemed to have had to fight for the right-of-way. 119 votes were cast in favor of incorporation and 99 votes against the proposition. Immediately following on May 24, 1890, the first city election was held, and the following candidates were in evidence: For Mayor, N. F. Bonsall 88 votes, and B. S. Taylor 107 votes. For Aldermen, the four polling the highest number of votes, were: A. Mathews, 151 votes; D. Ahrenbeck 119 votes; L. F. Gressett 98 votes and Dan Sullivan 97 votes. In the Marshall's race the following gentlemen were found running: W. F. Francis 8 votes; W. H. Muncey 13 votes; Mark Henry 105 votes; H. Conner 5 votes; Tom Stocks 66 votes. Mr. Henry seemed to have beaten them to the stopping place and was accorded the honor of being the first duly elected City Marshall of Ballinger.

On Nov. 4, 1890, Jas. S. Hogg received 575 votes in the County and for County Judge, C. H. Willingham received 192 votes and T. H. Bowman 171, these being the two highest in the race. For County Attorney A. N. Hargrove received 314 votes and C. F. Dickinson 277. For Sheriff and Tax Collector, J. M. Formwalt received 305 J. W. Claimpitt 218 votes County and District Clerk W. L. Towner, 616 votes Assessor Jno. B. Parks, County Treasurer, W. A. Revis. 315; and T. J Stocks 309 votes Surveyor H. E. Dickinson 190, W. J .Miller 171 and Jno. D. Miller 262 votes. Constable Precinct No. 1 W. H. Muncy 337, T. T. Crosson 11 and J. W. Henderson 2 votes. On June 10, 1892 the second city eletcion was held in Ballinger: for mayor J. W. Powell received 97, B. M. Burks 58 and Geo. Rollins 11 votes. Treasurer Jo Wilmeth 169 votes, Marshall B. W. Pilcher 29, W. W. Allen 6, T. S. Lankford 61, E. M. Barbee 26, Geo. W. Long 7, M. L. Henry 41 votes.

The Hogg and Clark Campaign.

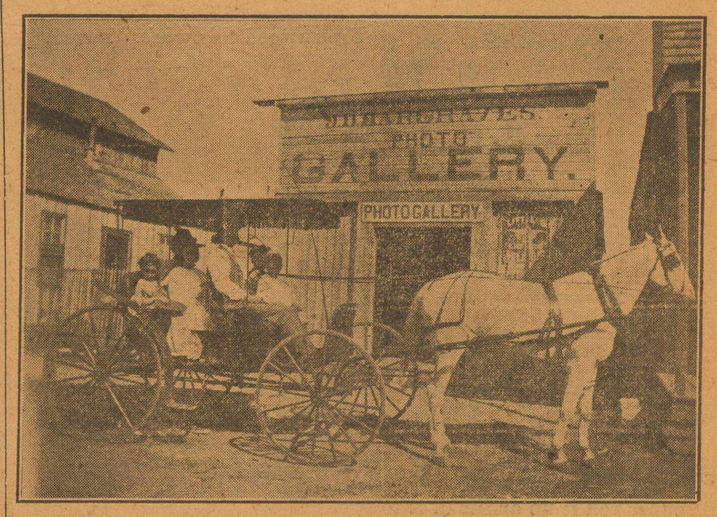
Nov. 8, 1892, will long be remembered by those who loved the political world, and sallied forth to do battle for their favorites: For Governor, Runnels County voted as follows: Jas. S. Hogg 370; George Clarke, 222 and T. L. Nugent 141 votes. For District Attorney T. T. Crosson 663 and Thos. Maples 64 votes. County Judge C. H. Willingham 551 and B. M. Burkes 162 votes. County Attorney C. O. Harris 503 and W. A. Alexander 195 votes. County and District Clerk, W. L. Towner 733 votes. Sheriff and Tax Collector, J. W. Clampitt 358; D. C. Underwood 274 and J. M. Johnson 104 votes. County Treasurer, T. J. Stoks 271 and W. A. Revis 202. and W. F. Sharpe 249 votes.

Pros. Get "Licked" In First County Fight.

On Jan. 20, 1894, Runnels county voted on the familiar question of whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors should be pro-

hibited for the first time in its history, where the county only was involved and resulted as follows: For Prohibition 293 votes; Against Prohibition 325 votes, a majority of 32 votes in favor of wets.

On November 6, 1894, Chas. A. Culberson received 382 votes for Governor and the opposition 270 votes. For District Attorney T. T. Crosson received 625 votes.



This picture was made over 20 years ago and shows the block now Occupied by the Ballinger State Bank building. The building to the left is on the lot where the Bank now stands, and was former ly used for the City Hotel. J. McGreogor and family seated in surry.

County Judge C. H. Willingham, County Attorney C. O. Harris. County and District Clerk W. L. Towner 470 and H. Conner 171 votes. Sheriff and Tax Collector J. W. Clampitt 371 and J. M. Johnson 287 votes. County Treasurer, T. J. Stocks 406 and J. H Routh 229 votes Tax Assessor D. C. Underwood 446 and A. D. Talley 192 votes. Commissioner Precinct No. 1, M. D. Chastain 254 and J. H. Cotten 83 votes. Constable Precinct No. 1, B. W. Pilcher 222 and W. H. Saxton 114 votes.

November 3, 1896, the total vote polled for Governor was 721 of which number, Chas. A. Culberson received 405 and Jerome C Kirby 316 votes. County Judge C. H. Willingham, County Attorney C. O. Harris. District and County Clerk W. L. Howner 552, and C. A. Doose 163 votes. Sherfff and Tax Collector R. P. Kirk 421 and J. M. Johnson 297 votes, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1 W. H. Weeks 271 and H. D. Pearce 94 votes. Constable Precinct No. 1, B. W. Pilcher 194 and Sam Reese 93 votes.

Pros Lose in Precinct Election.

On the 30th day of August 1897 an election was held in Justice Precinct Number one, to determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors should be pro hibited therein, which resulted as follows: For Prohibition 84 votes and against Prohibition 216 votes.

At the general election on Nov. 8, 1898, about 718 votes were polled of which number J. D. Sayers received 452 votes for Governor and Barney Gibbs 266. District Attorney T. T. Crosson 656 votes. County Judge C. H. Willingham, County Attorney C. O. Harris, County and District Clerk W. L. Towner. Sheriff and Tax Collector, R. P. Kirk. County Treasurer W. F. Sharpe. Justice of the Peace Precinct No 1, W. H. Weeks 252 and H. M. Harvey 109 votes. Constable Precinct No. 1 B. W Pilcher.

Nov 6, 1900 the following were elected to office: For District Judge Jno. W. Goodwin, reecived 443, J. O. Woodward 294 and E. C. Harrell 15 votes. District Attorney J. H. Baker reecived 538 and Joe Mathews 158 votes. County Judge T. T. Crosson 715 and B B. Stone for County Attorney received 739 votes. District and County Clerk W. L. Towner 734 votes. Sheriff and Tax Collector R. P. Kirk 734 votes. Tax Assessor W. T. Padgett 764 votes. County Treasurer W. F. Sharpe 765 votes. Surveyor S. D. Willioms 758 votes. Constable Precinct No. 1, B. W. Pilcher 363 votes.

Winters Votes Dry.

The Winters Precinct held a prohibition election on June 8, 1901, which resulted as follows: For prohibition 69 votes and against 12 votes. And on Sept. 10 1913, a county election was held for the purpose of determining whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited within Runnels county or not, resulting as follows: For Pro hibition 539 and against 560 votes.

If you have the itch, don't scratch. It does not cure the trouble and makes the skin bleed. Apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. Rub it in gently on the affected parts. It relieves itching instantly and a few applicants removes the cause thus performing a permanent cure. Price 25c, 50c and $1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

San Diego plans to have her exposition buildings complete by January 1, 1914, that the landscape gardners may have a whole year to decorate it with trees, vines and flowers before the gates are opened January 1, 1915 It will remain open the entire year 1915.

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Because our prices are the lowest.

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Ballingr likes three years of being an old maid. In fact she is still as spry as if she was in her teens

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When you get through perusing this paper roll it up and mail it to some relatives or friend.

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With a good demonstartion farmer Runnels County will no doubt take a new place in the list of good agricultural counties in Texas.

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City Council at Brownwood has passed an ordinance prohibiting children under sixteen years of age from driving autos or motor cycles on the streets of that city. A mighty good move.

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Runnels County has over 4000 school children. Ten or twelve years from today all those children who live will be men and women. The eighty-odd teachers of this county have the responsible task of making them good citizens.

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At the present rate of increase in negro population the people of this county have no cause to worry over the social problem that is perplexing other counties. At present there are only eight negro children in Runnels county. This is strictly a white man's country.

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Judge Goodwin tried three automobile cases in his court at Brownwood this week. Two damage suits in which parties asked for damages for personal injury sustained by being run over by autos, and the third was suit brought by party to recover auto which he traded for worthless town lots. It was auto week in Judge Goodwin's court.

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There are 4041 families in Runnels county, and there is enough good land here if properly cultivated to give employment and furnish comfortable home for three times that many families. A dry year or two can not hold this country back and we predict the price of land will double and do it quick. The demand for land is growing.

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The boys that sold out in the base ball game with Big Springs offer as their excuse for such dirty work, "That they were compelled to sell out to get their salary." The excuse is a flemsey one, and the boy that takes a gambler's money in such way is on the same footing with the gambler who bribes him. Just such dirty work is what has caused the lack of interest in base ball sport throughout the small towns of the state.

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The Brady Standard complains that recent rains have washed the streets of the Brady town until they are badly damaged, and the Standard suggest that a rock pile be established and prisoners put to work building streets That's right, pave your streets like Ballinger streets, and then when you do happen to get a rain it will not damage you.

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Call upon the editor of your local paper and talk with him over ways and means of co-operation between the town and the country. You will find the local editor anxious to advance the interest rural people who make the town prosperous.—Farm & Ranch.

Yes sir, we stand ready and anxious at all time to work for those things that will bring the farmer and the merchant closer together. Co-operation means strength, and any move that will help get all the people to pull in the same direction for the upbuilding of town and county has our hearty support.

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For the barbecue occasion at Ballinger next week we are promised meat barbecued at Dallas and shipped to Ballinger in fireless cooking ovens. thereby assuring good meats, well cooked and hot from the fire. This is something new but then we are never too old to learn and, with all the good meants we have seen at barbecues, we have sometimes wished that there could be some improvement made in the cooking. This is promised us and we shall try a piece as an experiment at least.—Winters Enterprise.

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RUNELS COUNTY IN THE SILO COLUMN

T. W. Murray is the last one to get into the silo business but he has sold two already, one each to J. P. Wood and Owen Ingram Mr Murray is also quite a lot of work among prospective buyers, who have not quite gotten to the point of buying yet, but will likely close deals within the next few days

W. D. Meadows has bought through W. M. Smiley a 200-ton silo and says that if present crop prospects continue, he will buy another of 400-ton capacity within a few days. Gradually our people are coming to the idea that the silo will pay big profits in the Winters country as well as anywhere else and they are ready to invest their money in them. This is encouraging to others and as the success of the silo is demonstrated they will come right along.—Winters Enterprise.

Elders W. D. Black and McMillan came in Tuesday morning from Eldorado where they had been conducting a meeting the past week or two. Elder Black is now located at Thorp Springs and will visit Ballinger friends a few days before going on home.

F. Armbrecht, of the Winters country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

RUNNELS COUNTY'S IRISH POPULATION

Emerald Isle is sending a steady stream of jovial sturdy and honest citizens to Texas. According to Uncle Sam, who is now acting as gate keeper on our immigration the Irish are coming to Texas at the rate of five per day, and Pat is well pleased with our opportunities. There are no snakes in Texas, and the earth is covered with a carpet of green the whole year 'round and we all celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.

In Runnels county there are 24 persons of Irish decent and of this number 6 were born in Ireland and later moved to Texas and 18 have parents that were both born in Ireland.

The Federal Census Reports, which have just been issued, show that in 1910 there were 5,355 persons living in Texas that were born in Ireland and 7,752 residents of this State are of Irish parentage.

SAYS ANGELO FANS HAVE NO KICK COMING.

The following joke appeared in this morning's Fort Worth Record:

San Angelo, June 22.—A great furore has been created here by the discovery and the production of affidavits that three of the San Angelo players sold the recent series of games with Big Springs, at that place, to Big Springs. Two of the young men were pressed so hard they confessed and signed statements that the series was lost because of reeciving of $120 in money. The other young man left town before the discovery was made. The baseball fans here are very indignant over the matter."

Willard Wooden, who attended Howard Payne here last year, is in town today, and admits that he was playing with the Angelo Club at Big Springs. He says that anybody threw the game he doesn't know who did it, as all the players made so many errors the traitors could not be picked out. He says that the Angelo fans needn't worry. The first game of the season netted $10.75 in gate receipts there, and Angelo fans are not worrying about anybody throwing games away. Further, he alleges that if three men did throw the game, they were compelled to do so to get back home and mother, as their salary and even expense money, was not forthcoming from the management. "What gets me though." said Wooden, "is the indignation of San Angelo fans. There's not one full man-size fan in Tom Green county, and how the 'fans' can worry is a puzzle."—Brownwood Bulletin.

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The Country Boy's Creed

"I believe that the country, which God made, is more beautiful than the city, which man made that life out-of-doors and in touch with the earth is the natural life of man. I believe that work is work wherever we find it, but that work with Nature is more inspiring than work with the most intricate machinery. I believe that the dignity of labor depends, not on what you do, but on how you do it; that opportunity comes to a boy on the farm as often as to a boy in the city; that life is larger and freer and happier on the farm than in town; that my success depends not upon my location, but upon myself; not upon my dreams but upon what I actually do; not upon luck, but upon pluck. I believe in working when you work, and in playing when you play, and in giving and demanding a square deal in every act of life."—Suburban Life Magazine.

Notice!

We want every motorist in town to use the famous

United States Tires

We consider it good business to recommend them. They cost no more than you are asked to pay for other kinds.

Ballinger Auto Company

YOU ARE HEARTELY IMVITED TO ATTEND THE

Ballinger Anniversary Picnic

AND ALSO TO OUR

MID-SEASON CLEARANCE SALE.

OUR Sale is still in full swing, and we have received many new goods since the opening of sale. We will state now, as we did in our previous circular, that we dont want you to buy one cent's worth unless you get your moneys worth or over. Our store has been the home of many of the people from the surrounding country when they were in town during the past six years we have been in Ballinger, and we are gaining customers daily. That alone shows that we are selling some merchandise for less money. We can fill your wants during this sale and save you money on every article. We appreciate your trade, no matter how little it may be.

A bargain for men—Regular $1.00 per suit Atheletic underwear, per suit. 60 cents.	Extra special for the ladies' 10 yard white lawn. Regnlar 15 cent goods, 10 yards for 85 cents.	Remember—A 15 per cent. reduction on all our standard brand shoes during this sale.	All mens and boys pants reduced in proportion to other goods in this sale.

Fine Dress Goods.

25c quality fine linen crash	19c
35c " " " "	25c
50c " " " "	40c
24c sheeting,	17 1-2c
50c ratines. all colors,	42c
Cotton voile, 30 and 35c	20c
Silk voile, 60c grade at	42c
Pretty line fancy crepes	16c

Shirt Values

Lot H. T. Negligee, shirts	69c
Regular $1.25 values,	89c
Regular $2.00 Faultless	$1.45
Regular $1.50 grade	$1.20
Regular $2.50 Faultless	$1.77
Laundry shirts Col. atch. 1.00 to 1,50 value. go at	89c
Boys dress shirts	36c, Blouses 21
Mens blue work shirts	41c

Lack of Space

Forbids that we quote more prices, but you will find every article in the store tagged and marked down to bed-rock prices.

Calico 3 1-2c Ging. 5c

Mens Fine All Wool Suits.

No. 5182, $17.50 grade goods, at	$11.98
No. 7071, $21.50 grade goods, at	$14.00
No. 1100, $15.00 grade goods, at	$9.90
No. 1732, $12.00 goods,	$9.89
No. 1737, $10.00 goods,	$6.42

Sheetings and Domestics

10x4 Elpepper bleached sheeting	26c
9x4 Elpepper bleached sheeting	24c
10x4 Elpepper unbleached	24c
9x4 Elpepper unbleached	22c
Hope domestic, bleached	9c
The best Jackanet finish	9c

WE HAVE SOLD LOTS OF TRUNKS AND SUITCASES, BUT WE STILL HAVE A NICE ASSORTMENT, AND ALL REDUCED 20 PER CENT

If you have not called for your card of Wilson dress hooks, send us a postal card; we will do the rest FREE

Remember that our store is located in the heart of the city and you are welcome to our cool fans and ice water. Be our guests while in town Saturday for the picnic.

We Buy for Less **Rosenwasser & Levy** **We Sell for Less**

Things That Happened In Ballinger 25 Years Ago.

Interesting Items Copied From Files of Ballinger Leader Dated 1888

Ballinger is to be a great railway center in the near future.

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We had a nice rain Wednesday morning which was quite refreshing to vegetation.

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Sheriff Formwalt shipped a pair of fine hound puppies to Brownwood this week.

J. J. Erwin sold a thousand head of sheep last week, at we learn $4.50 per head.

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The stage team ran away Tuesday morning before the stage left for Menard, and there was a considerable smash up.

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Mrs. C. R. Crews has gone to Sherwood to visit friends and enjoy the prairie breezes and fine fish for a week or two.

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C. R. Crews now has his home on the hill beautiful arranged and George Warner says he has the prettiest room in town.

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Jno. R. Day, D. P. Gay, T. T. Crosson, W. A. Proctor, and Jno. B. Parks went to Eden this week to attend a barbecue.

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Ballinger will beat any town in the state on the output of wool shipment and prices paid this spring.

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Judge Jno. I. Guion's family is off visiting and he has donned a new plug hat and is putting on considerable extra airs.

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A railroad from Ballinger to Colorado City would be a great feeder for the Santa Fe No doubt it will be built soon.

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Ballinger has a pile of wool that will astonish visitors from other towns, by the time it is full grown.



Pearce Hotel—the First to Come.

Author Trail is attending court at Paint Rock, being a witness in a murder case.

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The county jail at Runnels will be moved to Ballinger at an early date.

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A water mellon weighing seventy pounds was shipped to President Cleveland.

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There are being held near Ballinger about nine hundred sheep, awaiting cars for shipment.

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Ballinger needs a good public school next and Ballinger citizens will built it.

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J. J. Erwin will leave Saturday for the capitol to visit relatives and take in the dedication.

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There is a demand for freighters to transfer freight from Ballinger to San Angelo.

Mr. McGregor, brother of Jack has returned to this country from California and will remain in this country.

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We learn that Col J H. Parramore only relaized about $3 per head on the calves he shipped to market last week.

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Drunks are quite common since the construction work on the extension of the Santa Fe commenced.

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Fast mail and express line leaves Ballinger daily except Sunday at 7 a m. and arrives at Abilene same day at 6:30 p. m.

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S. C. Royalty has opened up an ice cream stand and lemonade parlor in connection with his confectionery store.



Making Hay While the Sunshine —1912 Harvest Scene.

Work on the extension of the Santa Fe commenced with eight scrapers and the necessary hands and teams, Monday morning.

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It is guerally believed that the engineers will soon begin th survy from Ballinger to Colorado City. Look out for the cars up the creep.

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It begins to look as if San Anangelo will make a grand fizz in the matter of raising the bonus for the Sant Fe. Call on Ballinger, if you don't want too much.

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As usual with some of our neigh boring towns, they have sent out terrible reports of Ballinger being washed away, submerged and the "dickens" knows what else.

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The commissioners court met Wednesday to consider plans and specifications for a court house. They accepted plans and passed the order to advertise for bids.

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Filthy hog pens and back alleys breed disease Ballinger has both and people who have control of them should either clean up or move out

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Mr. Isaac Wooden returned home from a trip to some of the Eastern towns Monday, and was greeted on his return home by a fine baby boy.

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J. Y. Pearce, a druggist of illinoise, is in the city this week, prospecting and will likely invest in some of Runnels county real estate.

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All the picnics of the town will join in a picnic Friday in the grove on the Colorado river, where the anniversary was held last night.

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Judge Sylvester Adams announces in this issue as a candidate to the office of county judge of Runnels county

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Willingham, Harris & Winters sold 2733 acres of land this week to actual settlers. This land is located on Valley creek and brought $6 per acre.

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The many friends of Mr. Charlie Blanchard will be glad to learn that he is soon to return from California and that he will again make Ballinger his home. We predict that he will stay with us this time.

The commissioners court appointed W. J. Miller to superintend the building of the county bridge and too see that the work was done according to contract.

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L. P. Wood was in from his ranch near Runnels this week. Mr. Wood is an expert with a lariat and says he will take a hand in the roping contest on the 29th.

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The boys of lariet fame should keep themselves in training for the contest on the 29th of June when one of the biggest roping contest ever held in West Texas will be pulled off.

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To water consumers. On and after Aug. 1st. water will be 20 cents a barrel or six barrels for a dollar. Barrels must be placed where the wagon can reach them conveniently.

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The lots selected by the W. J. Miller company for their mill and gin is the extreme East corner on Hutchings Ave., being in thirty feet of a bountiful supply of water and a nice level spot.

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When the jail has been moved down from Runnels and the court house is under construction we will have something to point out to as real progress on the part of our citizens.

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We notice a piece of about eight or ten acres of Medeterainian wheat on W. N. Copeland's farm, which certainly will yield a heavy crop. Newton was plowing in his corn and had a broad smile on hi face.

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J. T. Billups, Vener Grady, Hubert Pearce, Henry Wilson and A. L. Clark attended a social given to Miss Nichols and Lelia Scoggins at the residence of A. J. Nichols at Runnels this week.

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Jim Sexton, of the yard gang, received a letter from his old home Falkner, Missouri, in which the statement was given that a former school mate of his had given birth to four children.

The Ballinger Leader 1888.

We heard of a negro being shot at a camp in the county, but could get no particulars. The shooting occurred last Friday. A cowboy shot a negro five times.

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H. N. Beakly residence this week.

Chas. S. Miller purchased the tended the county convention. They report the country through which they traveled as being in good shape.

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The railroad company has deeded to the town of Ballinger a track of land lying North of the town, same to be used as a cemetery Now if you die you have some idea where your resting place will be.

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The outgoing stage from Ballinger to San Angelo was again robbed Sunday three miles beyond the stage stand, by a single lone highwayman, six feet high, dark complexion, wearing a mask over his face. There were eight passengers from which he secured over $200. The robber did not molest the mail or registered matter. After taking what the passengers had he took the best horse the driver had and left in a Northerly direction towards the cedar breaks.



Pearce Hotel—the last to Go.

The little calaboose was crowded so full of animate subjects last Friday that a small quanity of snake medicine poured through the window caused a swell that bursted the hinges from the door.

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We have heard considerable complaint here lately from quite a number of our business men to the way the hogs are allowed to take the town generally. We have a hog law and it should be enforced.

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Judge Jno .I. Guion and Jack McGregor returned Monday from a visit to Brady where they at-

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Ostertag Furniture Company
FURNITURE And UNDERTAKER

Carpets, linoleum, matting, etc. We handle the White Mountain and Bohn Siphon Refrigerators; the best on the market. Make headquarters with us when in the city.

Hutchins Avenue
Opposite Court House, Ballinger, Texas

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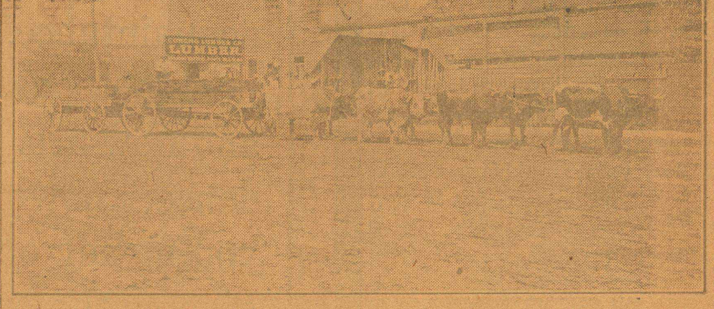

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Headquarters for all kinds of building material.

We carry a complete stock of screen doors of all patterns and sizes.

We also have the largest stock of window glass in this section of the country and would be glad to furnish your wants in this line.

Our stock of B. P. S. paints and varnishes are complete at all times.

Figure with us and we will save you money.

The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.
Capital $60,000.00 Surplus $9,000.00

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We cordially solicit your business be it large or small—Our motto is "Live and Let Live," as interpreted under the principles of the Golden Rule.
Corner 7th Street and Hutchins Ave. Ballinger, Texas.

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STROBLE & LONG, Proprietors.

Open at all hours. Meals and Short Orders served with all the markets afford.

COME TO SEE US

when in the city and we guarantee to fill your wants. Nothing too good for our customers.
HUTCHINGS AVE. BALLINGER, TEXAS.

UNWRITTEN LAW CASE ON TRIAL

Jury Being Selected in Brown County Murder Case. Venire .. men Disqualify.

Brownwood, Tex., June 23.—The case of the State vs. Burt Smith went to trial here today in the district court, and all the afternoon was devoted to the task of getting a jury. At 5 o'clock five jurymen had been obtained from an examination of about thirty talesmen.

A majority of those examined either disqualified themselves or had conscientious scruples against inflicting the death penalty for crime. A full jury will likely be secured before noon tomorrow.

Burt Smith, the defendant, is charged with the murder of a young man named Frank Robinson. The killing occurred at Bangs, this county on May 6 last. The defendant's unmarried sister, who has a five-months-old baby in her arms, is the principal witness for the prosecution.

SONS OF HERMANN SUPPER

Mr. A J. Voelkel, President of the Ballinger Lodge Sons of Hermann, assisted by his committee, entertained the members of the lodge and visiting members and a few invited guests at the City Park Saturday afternoon at 8 o'clock, at which time about 150 partook of a splendid barbecued supper and a most enjoyable time time was reported by all present.

Several speeches appropriate to the occasion, was delivered and hearty, good will prevailed on all sides, and every one present looks forward with eager anticipation to the time when the Sons of Hermann will entertain with a similar supper.

DRY LAND ROASTING EARS FIRST OF THE SEASON.

A. J. Edwards, who owns some river valley land about two miles above town, was the first to bring in 1913 roasting ears. Mr. Edwards was in with a load of nice, juicy tender corn early Monday morning, and it went like hot cakes. He says it is strictly dry land corn and was raised without irrigation. Mr. Edwards is trying for the prize in the Texas Industril Congress crop contest. And this corn came from his test crop. He is selling the corn, but is required to keep an account of all that he gathers.

SANTA FE SUPERINTENDENT COMING SATURDAY.

Galveston, 6-23-13.

R. T. Williams,
Chairman Committee:
Ballinger, Texas.

Am afraid I shall not be able to accept your invitation for twenty-eighth. Have asked K. S. Hull, our superintendent at Temple to try and be there that date.

F. G. PETTIBONE.

The above telegrams fully explains itself. Mr. Hull has not been heard from, but it is probable that he will be here to represent his road in celebrating Ballinger's birthday.

MISERLY WOMAN THOUGHT WELL TO DO DIES BROKE

San Diego, Cal., June 23.—Although she had $1,000 in local banks and owned property in Kansas City and Denver, Miss Annie Leerson, 75 years old, died alone and in poverty in a small room in this city.

The proprietor of the rooming house who found her body today, said she had been dead for two days. Her room was filled with tin cans and it is presumed she lived on can goods warmed over on an oil stove. Her only luxury was tobacco.

We Welcome You T

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1913. **In Honor of Her 2**

NGT ONLY ARE YOU WELCOME ON THIS OCCASION; BUT WE ARE GLAD TO SEE YO
MAKE IT YOUR STOPPING PLACE, YOUR HEADQUARTERS: THE PLACE TO MEET YOU
TELEPHONES--IN FACT BE AT HOME WITH US. A FRIENDLY SOCIAL CALL WILL BE

There is a reason for all things

There is a reason why our chain of stores have reached the point where they are am

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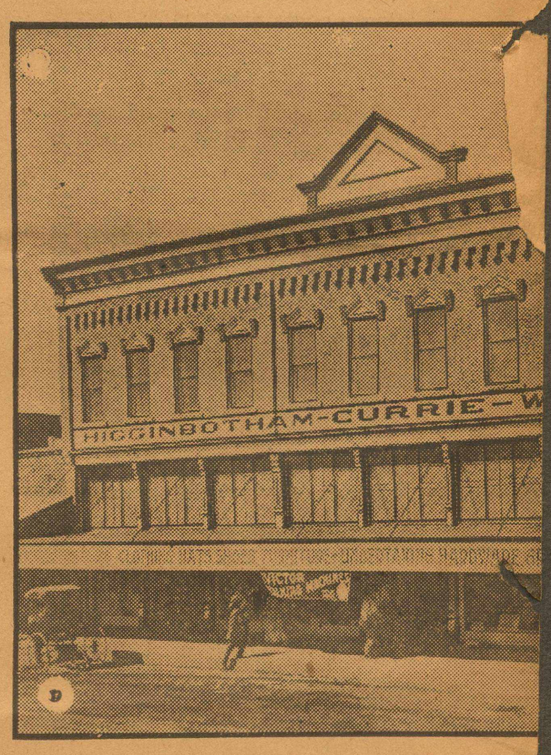
Ever on the lookout for anything that will help to build up our country and help those who have made this business possible, always giving the very best values for the price paid. We will at all times be glad to extend accomodations to our customers.

Buying power is a mighty facto worth of merchandise cheaper tha buy merchandise cheaper than th lots, and we stand ready to give y

We are proud of our mammoth business. We appreciate more than words can express the confidence that the people have placed in us. That has made it possible for us to show our appreciation in many ways of their loyal support; and we shall strive in the future, as in the past, to conduct our business in such manner that we shall always have your confidence and good will. We want you to know that every transaction at this store must be a satisfactory one in every particular. If you are not trading with us at present use this opportunity to come in and make our acquaintance. Ask your neighbor about us and about our business methods. He will very likely know, and to those who have, and now are, trading with us, we gladly refer you with all confidence; knowing they will reccommend us. We can, and will save you money on every purchase you make. All we ask is that you give us the opportunity of showing you how we can do it. Let us.



OUR BEAUTIFUL BALLI

Here are a few of our Special Prices; Read then

Mens' Suits.	
$12.50, 15.00 and 16.50 suits,	9.75
$17.50 18.50 and 20.00 suits	14.90
$22.50, 25.00 and 27.50 suits	18.75
All suits included except Blue Serge.	

Mens Straw Hats	
$2.00 and 2.50 Straw Hats,	$1.25
3.00 and 3.50 Straw Hats,	1.75
These hats are of the latest styles, and are bargains in every particular.	

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The Big Store--Ever

) Ballinger, Friends,

7th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1913.

U AT ANY TIME. WE WANT YOU TO ALWAYS FEEL AT HOME AT THIS STORE—
R FRIENDS; DRINK ICE OUR WATER; REST UNDER OUR ELECTRIC FANS. USE OUR
APPRECIATED AT ANY TIME; WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO SEE YOU COME AROUND.

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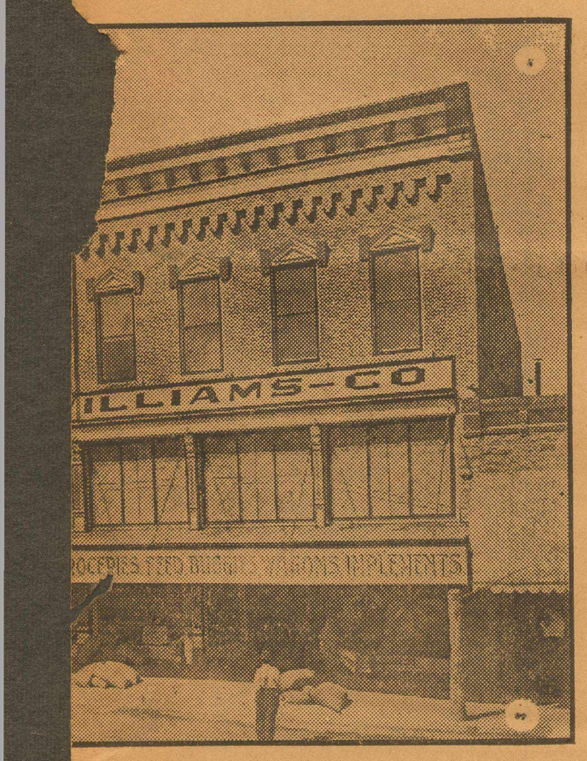
ng the largest distributors of merchandise in the grand old State of Texas:

Largest Stocks | Lowest Prices

r---just as you can buy $100.00
n you can $10.00; just so we can
ose who can buy only in small
ou the advantage of low prices.

To give those who do not know an idea of our buying power, we give you a list of the Higginbotham stores: 8 General Stores, 20 Lumber Yards, 1 Wholesale Grocery House, 1 Wholesale Millinery House; buying for all these give us a decided advantage.



NGER STORE BUILDING.

We hope you will come to Ballinger's Anniversary Barbecue, and that you will enjoy the day. The people are going to do their utmost to make this an enjoyable affair, and your presence will add to its success. While here take advantage of the opportunity offered and visit Ballinger's Big Store and our Exhibition Hall, on the Picnic Grounds. You will likely find something you need, and our business is to sell it to you at the lowest possible price. If you don't see what you want ask for it, we have it. Don't forget that we want to buy everything you may have to sell---oats, maize, cotton, chickens, eggs, etc., and that we pay every possible cent for it. We are in the market at all times, and can make money for you whether we are buying goods from you or selling them to you. Now is the time for you to learn these facts. Others have learned them and are now reaping the reward, and the quicker you learn to do your business here the bigger your bank balance.

n and take Advantage of Opportunity today:

re only for Ballin-
nd will not apply
June 28th, so it
you to take ad-
generous offers.

Ladies hats

Ladies $5.00 Hats go at	$1.95
Ladies 4.00 and 3.50 Hats go at	1.45
Ladies 2.50 and 2.00 Hots go at	95c
Big lot of childrens hats at only	50c

Fancy Parasols

All $3.00 and 3.50 Fancy Parasols $1.75
All $2.00 and 2.50 Fancy Parasols $1.25
These are beautiful models, and will be a bargain at the above prices.

E-WILLIAMS Company

rything and Lumber.

ATTENDS A REVIVAL; KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Little Rock, Ark., June 22.—R. G. Hawley, lineman, 40 years old, was struck by lightning, instantly killed and Mrs. Lucy Hogan, Mrs. C. A. Britt, Mrs. Nora Edwards, Mrs. Hawley and E. C. Wood were knocked unconsci at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon while in a tent where a revival meeting is being conducted here. Three residences in the immediate vicinity of the tent also were struck and small damage done.

Hawley was standing beneath electric light wires in the tent when the bolt, traveling along the circuit, suddenly jumped to the ground. The five others were near him but not in the immediate path of the heavy electric discharge. Three women were rendered unconscious but soon were revived. Mrs. Hawley, wife of the dead line man, is in a serious condition as the result of the shock.

SILO NOTES.

Through the courtesy of C A. Doose, the real estate man, we learn that Mr. Green Nixon has just reecived a carload of cement at Hatchel and intends constructing a silo on his Coyote creek farm and will store away feed stuff on a large scale.

Also Judge Chas. Rogan, of Austin, who owns extensive land on the Colorado river, in the Houghton & Robinson rach country, is buiding a large silo on his farm.

Blocker & Russell are also making arrangements to build another silo on their Colorado ranch up the river.

Our people are beginning to realize the big benefits to be derived from silos and we feel sure the day is not far distant when every progressive stock-farmer will have one or more silos on their places.

Penn-Tucker Wedding

One of the most beautiful weddings celebrated in Ballinger for some time, was that of Mr. John Harold Tucker and Miss Myra Penn, on Wednesday evening, June 18th, at All Saints Church. Rev. John Power of Brownwood, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. C. Seamon.

The pretty church was made more attractive, by the use of a profusion of sweet peas and ferns. Noel Penn, brother, of the bride, and Ennis Shepherd, of Winters, acted as ushers. Miss Maggie Underwood, presided at the organ, and Mrs. H. H. Thompson in her charming voice sang. "Oh! Perfect Love," to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, came the bridal party, first little Katherine Penn, daintly dressed in white, as ring-bearer, then the bride with her father, W. C. Penn, while down the opposite aisle came the groom with Rev. Seamon, preceeded by Rev. Power. The impressive Episcopal ceremony soon made them one.

The bride was lovlier than ever, in white crepe charmuse over Messaline, while the groom was distinguished and handsome, in the regular black. Miss Myra has been one of the most popular girls of our town, and Mr. Tucker, one of the brightest of the young men; he holds a position of responsibility in the First National Bank of Ballinger. The many artistic and handsome gifts attested the popularity of the happy couple.

Mrs. Caperton and her daughter Miss Alphia, returned home Monday at noon from Fort Worth and other points in that section, where they had been visiting the past several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W.L Heidle left Monday at noon for Sonora, where Mr. Heidle has accepted a position as book-keeper with a prominent firm of that place.

How a New Comer Sized Ballinger Up Twenty-Five Years Ago

Early Settler Writes Letter to His Old Home Telling of What He Found in West Texas. Prediction Come True. Also Shows How Ballinger Has Progressed.

Following is a letter written 25 years ago last February and it is interesting to read and reflect on the time that has elapsed since the date of that letter, an dto compare conditions as they existed then and as they exist today. In doing this we are reminded of one statement that is made inthis letter that has proven true, and the end has not yet been reached, and that is regarding the price of land in this country. The writer states in his letter that land could be bought here at that time at $2 per acre that would be worth $20 per acre in a few years. Look around you and see if you can find any $20 land. e are reminded of the fact that land that is selling today at $25 and $30 per acre will before another 25 years roll around be selling for $50 and $75, and some of as high as $100. What was true in the following letter 25 years ago is true today:

Ballinger, Tex., Feb. 18, 1888.—Editor Delta: As you requested me sometime since to prepare you a letter for publication, I will endeavor to do so this evening, and hope it may be of some interest to the many readers of the Delta.

Ballinger, is now the county seat of Runnels County, Texas, having been moved from Runnels on the 21st day of December, 1887 and is beautifully situated about seven miles South of the center of the county, at the terminus of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad, on the North branch of the Colorado river. She commands the trade from an immense scope of country to the South and West besides the trade of this and the western portion of Coleman county, and its location makes it a peculiarly desirable point for the business man. The waters of Elm creek wash the eastern limits of the town and join the Colorado river a few hundred feet below, which affords abundance of running water all the year. In the heart of one of the richest agricultural and stock raising counties in the State of Texas, and if the proposed route of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railroads cross at this place, Ballinger will bid fair t become one of the important cities of the West.

The town occupies as its business portion a large rich valley and is well drained. The hill adjoining the valley rises so gradual ly thatit is hardly noticeable, and is a beautiful site and most desirable for residents. No portion of the United States is more healthy, and I think it is unsurpassed by any country in the world. Chills and fever are unknown here. I have had better health than I ever had in my life before and have been free from a cold or cough all winter, and have gained 25 pounds in two months and am surely "growing up with the country." I like the place and country better every day; the people are sociable and pleasant, and make it very agreeable for a stranger. There is no town in West Texas that her poeple are more moral, cultivated educated, quiet and law-abiding citizens, than in Ballinger, but our State and county officers have the nerve to execute their duty when needed.

We have here about 15 lawyers, 4 doctors, 5 ministers, which are certainly enough to keep peace, and body and soul in its proper condition and frame of mind. Ballinger can soon boast of three church buildings, belonging, one to the Cumberland Presbyterian, one to the Baptist and the other (a new fine stone, nearly completed) to the O. S. Presbyterians. There are also other church denominations here, including the M. E. Church south, who have the foundation built for the erection of a church in the near future, and the Episcopalians. Each church has Sabbath School every Sunday.

There are four real estate firms and one good live newspaper, the LEADER, which I am working on. We also have two large dry goods stores, three lumber companies, two large ware houses, a number of grocery stores, three grain stores, eight hotels, two first class drug stores, four saloons, two saddle shops, two silver-smiths, two blacksmiths, furnitture store, two milinery establishments, etc. We have two meat markets which are furnished with the best of beef, pork and as cheap as in Buchhannon, and fine fresh fish always in the market. We have an excellent graded school for ten months in the year, which furnishes the best of advantages for educating the young, Our mail facilities are very good.

The town extends over a larger area than Buckhannon, but is not so thickly settled. The population is about 1500, and with the immense immigration flowing into town, it is increasing rapidly.

Runnels County is situated in the north-western portion of the State and 75 miles distant from the geographical center, and lies south of Talyor, west of Coleman, north of Concho and east of Tom Green counties; about 250 miles from Dallas, 170 miles northwest of Austin, (the capital of the State) 400 miles northwest from Galveston, and nearly on the 32nd degree of north latitude. The elevation is about 1600 feet above the sea. This country has an area of 576,000 acres, which is mostly prairie, as there is not more than two small mountains and but few hills.

Immigration is coming into our country rapidly and its rich productive prairies are being converted into farms, and make the homes of thrifty, enterprising farmers. We are glad to welcome them realizing as we do that such immigration alone can give Runnels county its proper and full development, and knowing that the benefits are mutal, for we are assured that the man who seeks to till the soil of these broad valleys will reap rich rewards for his industry. There is yet room for all who may wish to come, and now while land is so cheap is the time if advantage would be taken of the inducements Runnels county offers the immigrant.

There is timber sufficient to answer many conveniences, such as fire wood, and etc., and the different varieties are post oak, like oak, cedar, walnut, elm, pecan, mesquits and hackberry, which grows to considerable size. Pine lumber in considerable quantities is shipped in for building purposes, which costs from $18 to $27 per thousand feet.

The finest building rock can be procured in most any part of the county at little expense, as it runs in layers or seams and is easy quarried. This rock requires but little work until it is ready for use and is coming into extensive use in building houses and fencing farms.

The soil through the county is principally of red, black and chocolate sandy loam. A fair season and proper cultivation the average yield per acre of corn is 25 to 50 bushels, wheat 20 to 40 bushels, oats 60 to 100 bushels, cotton one half to a bale per acre. Rye, Johnson grass, barley, millet and sorghum in the greatest abundance. The prospects for better oats and wheat looks well. A large average of oats have already been sown, and the farmers are preparing to, and have already planted large crops of corn.

Plums will grow here and do well as this is a new country, but little friut is raised at present. Water melons, musk melons, pumpkins, field peas, beans and all kinds of garden vegetables grow in great quantities, and in the market early in May. We raise two crop of vegetables a year.

No county extant is better adapted to stock raising, owning to the luxurant grasses here found and the pastures look quite green now and the grass is growing rapidly The whole country is covered with mesquite, the most nutricious grass, and many places es grow mesquite bushes that never fail to bear an abundant crop of beans. These beans are equal to corn for fattening all kinds of stock. No disease scarcely, has ever been known among stock, which is attribute to the healthfulness of the climate.

The county has some good springs in different portions of it. Wells can be found over the country at an average depth of 20 to 60 feet and afford the best of water. Water-men who own large wells here in town haul water in water wagons at 20 cents a barrel or 6 barrels for $1.00.

The Colorado river runs thru the county a little south of the center, the Concho river near the Southern boundary and Elm creek directly through the center, all the most beautiful streams the eye ever beheld, and abound with fish weighing from 1 to 50 pounds.

There are many other creeks too numerous to mention, all afford water the year around and also abound with fish In fact the county is one of the best watered in the State and well diversified in every portion.

The climate is delightful in both winter and summer. The water here is never excessively warm and seldom is it severely warm and seldom is it severely cold; a cool gentle breeze blows constantly through the summer months, which prevents the heat from becoming oppressive and we have but few real cold days in winter, as the blizzards of the northwest are tempered before reaching here. I can hardly realize that the winter months are so near past as we have had but only a few cold days, occasioned by a "norther", which during its reign renders a fire decidely comfortable, and we have had an unusual cold winter the peple say. We had one little spell when the thermometer stood at 2 degrees below zero, and the river frozen across so it would bear a person that gave me a faint reminder that it was winter and I almost forgot that I was in the "Sunny South," but it only lasted two days and then it was warm again.

There are many million acres of land in Texas, which belong to the public school fund and can be bought by actual settlers from the state at from $2 to $3 per acre on forty years time with five per cent interest, and many million more from private parties at from $2 to $10 per acre; in a few years this land will likely be worth twenty dollars per acre.

Texas produce nearly, one-fourth of the entire cotton crops of the Uniter States,having a cash value annually of $75,000,000; it is the first wool producing State, the first cattle producing State in the Union; and it could easily be made the first hay producing, the first corn producing and the greatest State for dairy products known in the Union.

Everything demands a good price here, but if it does not cost much more to live here than in West Virginia. A dollar will go a little further in Buckhannon than here, but you can make $2 here as soon as you can $1 there. We are none of your one cent kind of people and do not have change smaller than a five cent piece. Flour is worth $2.25 to $3.50 per hundred pounds, corn 75 cents, a bushel, oats 5 cents per bushel, sweet potatoes 75 cents a bushel, Irish potatoes 5 cents a pound, wood $2 to $3 a wagon load, coal 50 cents a gallon and other things in propotion.

Game of all kinds is plentiful, here, such as deer, antelope, squirrel, jack rabbits, "cotton tails." Birds of many different varieties are found here and these gentle spring mornings you can hear their melodious song everywhere. Prairie dogs by the millions all around town and they make a nice pet.

There is a large amount of freighting done here and somewhat different from that in West Virginia. You see a six or tight horse team with three or four wagons in trail, heavy loaded down but they seem to move along with but little trouble.

Now if any of you who read this should have the "Texas fever" we will be glad to have you come for there is yet plenty of room, but I would not advise you to, if you are doing well where you are, for you might not like Texas. Times have been hard here for the past two years, business dull and many people out of employment, occasioned by the long drouth but it has ceased and we have had good rains this winter, which have well soaked the earth, an abundance of everything will be raised this year, which brings a good price and times will be good. We have many advantages here in this new country over the older States especially for the young man and but few disadvantages. I cannot insure you to make a fortune right away or even to get rich, for if you make money anywhere you have to work for it, and work hard.

I have set many a communication for the readers of the Delta, but never before tried to write one, and knowing how tedious and tiresome it is to set a long letter, and for fear of making the "devil" swear, I will close as mine has come to considerable length already. I will come back to old Buchannon one of these days and will tell you more about Texas; you can look for me coming on the train (If I have enought to pay my fare) if not; over the hills on a Texas pony or afoot. With best wishes to all, I reamain,

Yours truly.

ALBERT L. CLARK.

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The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

Flowers,vines and ornamental trees by the million are now being propogated in an enormous nursery on the ground of San Diego's exposition for decoration of the exposition buildings in 1915. The climate is such that the plants grow riotously whenever cared for and protected.

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Drag Harrows, each	9.50
12 inch Walking Plows	9.00
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Moline Riding Cultivators	24.75
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Barb wire per lb	2 3-4C
Arbucle coffee per pkg	25C
Cheek-Neal 1 lb pkg Blue Ribbon Coffee	30C
5c sack of table salt	3C
25c bottle folger's extract	21C
$1.50 five gallon oil can	98C
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25c bottle pickles now	16C
20 lb pink beans	$1.00
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15 lb best head rice	1.00
best soft wheat flour per sack	1.49
second grade flour per sack	1.25
25 lb sack standard granulated sugar	1.28
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12 inch roll now	60C
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25c Btls. Welch,s Grape Juice	21c
40c Brooms	59c
4 Cans Lye	25c
7 Pkgs Hippo	25c
7 Pkgs Pearline	52c
7 Pkgs Gold Dust	25c
Old Dutch Clenser per can	7c
25c Cans Baking Powder	19c
25c Bottlea Shoe Polish	21c
Levi Garrett's Snuff	21c
Honest Snuff	21c
1 doz. Cans 2 lb. Okra	80c

1 doz. 2 lb. cans lima beans	80C
1 doz. 2 lb. cans raspberries	80C
1-gal. cans pure cane syrup	58C
1-gal. cans millow brand syrup	49C
8 bars clariette soap	25C
7 bars C. W. soap	25C
Cheek & Neal 4 lb premium pkt. coffee	93C
3-lb cans maxwell h'se blend steel cut coffee	98C
50c values of Granite ware	41C
25c values of granite ware	19C
35c perfect wasn boards guaranteed	21C
25c sacks salt now	21C
35c bottle pickles now	21C
40c bottle pickles now	24C
pure apple vinegar per gallon	21C
1doz 2 lb cans table peaches	96C

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Beginning Saturday, June 28th

We will place on sale all seasonable merchandise at prices that will intersest the careful buyer. You are cordially invited to make your visit to Ballinger's Anniversary Celebration, profitable as well as pleasant by taking advantage of this opportunity of buying Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Etc., while the season is still on at sacrifice prices. Below we give you a few prices as a sample of the woderful bargains you may expect during this sale.

"Quality First"

120 pairs Ladies' Red Cross Oxfords, Strap Sandles, Pumps, values $3.50 and $4.00 your choice only	$1.00
Figured Lawns, Batistis and Flaxens worth 7 1-2c to 10c now	5c
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10c Qualities now	8
8 1-2c Quality now	6¼
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3000 yards Lace valuces up to 12 1-2c, the yard only	5c
One lot Ladies two piece Linen Suits House Dresses $2,50 to $15.00 values your choice	95c

"Quality First"

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80 pairs Mens Oxfords worth $3.50 to $7.00 your choice	$1.95
50 Misses and Childrens Hats, latest styles 50c and 75c values	35c
$1,00 and $1.25 values	50
$1.50 ond $1.75 valucs	75
$2.00, $2.50 and $3.00 values	$1.00

All Trunks, Bags and Suit Cases at one fourth off the regular price.

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These Are Only a Few of The Wonderful Bargains We Offer For The Next Ten Days

WE WANT YOU TO CALL AT OUR STORE AND GET ACQUAINTED

MAKE OUR PLACE YOUR HEADQUARTERS AND FEEL AT HOME.

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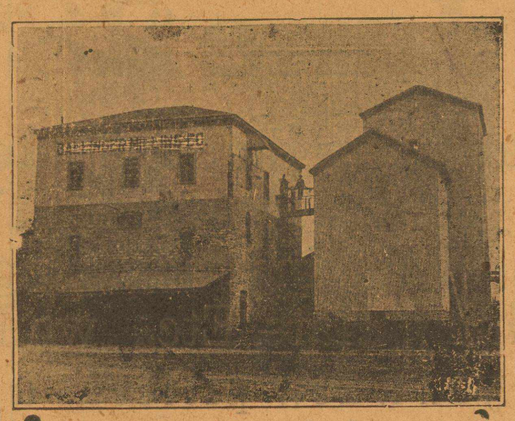
You can save money, interest, insurance and storage by buying at home. Ask for samples and prices of any of our products.

Here is a List of Our Various Products

Millet Seed.
Prairie, Johnson Grass and Alfalfa Hay.
Maize and Maize Chops.
Caffir Corn and Chops
Rice Bran Hog Food.
Chicken Feed.
Chicken Chowder.
Chick Feed.
Hen Meal.
Mixed Scratch Feed.
Beef Scraps,
Ground Oyster Shells.



Main Building and Elevator.

Here is a List of Our Various Products

Triumph Flour.
Pride of America Flour.
Entire Wheat Flour,
High Patent Flour.
Graham Flour.
Breakfast Food.
Pancake Flour.
Rye Flour.
Cream Meal.
Pearl Corn Meal.
Bran, Shorts, Middling.
Oats, Corn and Chops
Cane Seed.

MISSOURI MILLING CO.

AN EARLY DAY TROUBLE TO TRAVELERS

Early travelers through this country experienced no little difficulty along the banks of the Coloardo river in making their way across that stream. For some time after Ballinger was located a ferry boat was maintained and was used in transporting travelers, freight wagons. etc., from one side of the river to the other. For many years before Ballinger was placed on the map a stage line was operated between Abilene and Fort Concho, and the line crossed the Colorado river above Ballinger. Frequently a rise in the river delayed traffic for a number of days, and it is said by those who were here during the early days that the normal flow in Colorado river was greater than at present, and in recent years irrigation plants along the river, the use of the water for other purpose, and the breaking of the land has checked the flow of water in the river. In the early days it was not an easy matter to find a crossing on the river, as it is to day, and until bridges were built across the river it was quite a "Jonah" to the traveler.

Our repairing can't be beat. We guarantee to please you. JAS. E. BREWER, jeweler and optician.

Make His Fortune---And Made It.

In its issue of May 18, 1888, The Ballinger Leader said: "J. Y. Pearce, druggist of Illinois, is in the city this week, prospecting and will likely invest in some of Runnels county real estate."

And again in its issue of about three weeks later, June 8, 1888, The Ballinger Leader said: "W. A. Rives, the 'old reliable', has disposed of the Palace Drug Store to Mr. J. Y. Pearce, formerly of Illinoise. In justice to Mr. Pearce's good business judgement, will state that he looked at San Angelo and other towns before buying property here."

And, about three weeks later Ballinger celebrated her second birthday. The Ballinger Leader of June 30th, 1888, publishes an interesting account of the big celebration that was held in honor of the town's second anniversary Mr. Pearce helped to celebrat that event, and for a quarter of century he has witnessed the passing of twenty-five birth days fo Ballinger. He is one of the few business men who have been continuously at the head of the same business in Ballinger for twenty-five years.

Mr. Pearce left his old home in Illinoise with about $1700 in cash. He no doubt told the folks at home he was "going West to grow up with the country." After spending about $200 of his capital in prospecting, visiting a number of Texas towns, he selected Ballinger for his home, and as stated in the little news item taken from the local paper, closed a deal for the Palace Drug Store, then owned by W. A. Rives and Nat Guest. Mr. Rives is now in the drug business in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Guest is still a citizen of Ballinger.

At that time the Palace Drug Store was located in a little "shack" that stood about where the Ballinger Opera house is now located, and it was a small business, as we often see now in small country towns. Taking hold of the business, practically without capital, but with the ability and determination to win, Mr. Pearce rapidly built a business that has made him independent in this worl'ds goods, and a business that is known all over this section o country.

In the second year of Mr. Pearce's business career in Ballinger he met with one of those reverses that comes in nearly every man's life, and his drug store was destroyed by fire. It was a heavy blow and came near putting him to the bad, but he had in the short time he was in business built a reputation that was worth more than dollars and cents, and was an asset that the fire could not damage, and with this as the big end of his capital stock he was soon back in business.

As the country rapidly developed, Mr. Pearce's business rapidly increased, and he was soon able to quit paying rent, and he built the store building that is now occupied by Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack as a buggy emporium. He conducted his drug business in this building until a number of years later he purchased the building where he is now located, and later added the second story, and today has a valuable business home, and this is one of the first two stone buildings that were built on Hutchings Ave.

Like all the old timers, Mr. Pearce has passed through some trying times in Ballinger. The late drouth is not the first for him, but he has never been a knocker, and today has something to show for his labor. He has never been classed with the "grouchers", but always looked on the optomistic side of life. By fair business dealings, and adhering strictly to business principles, looking well after his own business and not the other fellow's. Mr. Pearce has made for himself an income that insures comfort for him for the remainder of his life. He is at present First Vice-President of the First National Bank, secretary and Treasurer of the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co,. a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Ballinger and part owner of the City Drug Store, and owns stock in a number of other successful companies, both in Ballinger and at other places. He also owns considerable real estate, both farm and city property, and has one of the nicest homes in Ballinger built on Mission bungalow design at a cost of about $10,000. He is easily in the $100,000.00 class, and while he has accumulated considerable wealth, he does not let it act as a barrier between him and the man of few dollars, and he is the same J. Y. Pearce today as he lived the days of a quarter of a century ago and he meets every man on the same terms—friendly and cordial to all, and stands at all times ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, and to carry his part of the load when it comes to "boosting" for Ballinger.

Mr. Pearce no doubt rejoices that he made Ballinger his choice as a place to locate, for he has prospered, and today he and his wife and their only son are enjoying health, happiness and prosperity. He is a friend to all and those who know him are his friends.

AN OLD TIMER IN REMINISCENT MOOD

Among those who were here when the first pegs were driven, and who is here today, is Frank LaMott. Mr. LaMott came a head of the railroad, and witnessed some of the early day tragedies, that almost causes a man's blood to curdle to hear him relate. He bought two lots the day the lot sale was held and he is living on one of these lots today.

In reflecting back to the early days Mr LaMott tells of a little shooting that occurred in the Alamo saloon. Joe Townsend was marshal at that time, and the killing was the result of Townsend's efforts to keep a promise he had was going to take his gun from him. The other officer agreed with Townsen's, in that he should give up his gun if he got drunk. The expected drinking started and Townsen went after his brother officer to get his gun. In the mean time the other officer had fallen in with a friend, and the two got under pretty good headway by the time that Towsen found them, and quicker than it can be told the friend with the other officer had fallen dead on the floor in the Alama saloon, and it was after a hard struggle that Townsen got possession of the two guns—that of the officer and his friend.

At that time Townsen was living in a building that stood on the corner where the Higdon-Melton-Jackson Co., dry good store now stands, and he was called to his door one night and his left arm shot off with a shot gun. It was never known who fired the shot. "Townsen was a fearless man", said Mr. LaMott. "and the last time I heard of him he was in Houston."

"Another incident I remember well," said Mr. LaMott, "was the night that the Santa Fe agent thought he had killed a conductor, and made his get away on a horse belonging to Dan Sullivan The agent and the conductor had been having some trouble, and they came together one night, and after a few rounds the agent thought that he had put the conductor out of business. He left him for dead and went to see Dan Sullivan and told him that he had to leave the country and wanted a horse. Dan let him have the horse and the agent proposed to pay him for it. Dan would not take the money. He told the agent to ride the horse as far as he wanted to and turn him loose, and the horse would come back. It is not known how far that fellow rode that horse, but he came back."

Mr. LaMott in reflecting over the past and the early days in Ballinger called to mind many interesting incidents. It mentionel Judge Proctor, who was the first post master for Ballinger At that time the post office stood where the Rock stable stands today. Mr. LaMott said the Dunlap hotel was about the first building built in Ballinger and that it was a good one and that Col. Dunlap knew how to take care of the travelers. The last of the pioneer hotel men to give up the business in Ballinger was H. D. Pearce. This was also the last early day hotel to be destroyed. It was burned only a short time ago, and about a year ago Mr. Pearce died at his home in Robert Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schuchard returned home Sunday at noon from Menard and other points in that section. Mrs. Schuchard had been visiting in that section for several weeks and Mr. Schuchard visited there a few days and returned home together.

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A service based on twenty five years continuous business.
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Honest goods that fear no competition.
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Choice Alfalfa per bale	55c
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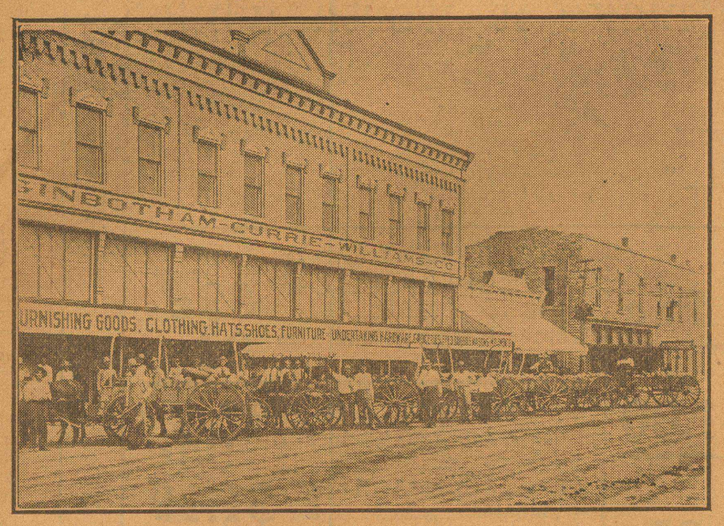
Car Pecos Valley Alfalfa soon to be in at $17.00 per Ton,

ROARK'S FEED STORE

About The Famous Ballinger Watermelons

From the middle of August until frost water mellons are a ready source of revenue for the truck growers near Ballinger. No effort is made to raise early mellons here but the late mellons prove a very profitable crop, and come on the market after the crop produced in other mellon countries have played out. The Ballinger mellon is famous all over the State, and many are shipped by express to other states, and car l oads are shipped out to the larger cities of the state.



Shipping Melons at Ballinger

BALLINGER'S FIRST TEMPLE OF JUSTICE

The first question to confront the pioneers after the county seat election on Dec. 21, 1887, was "what shall we do for a court house?" At that time there were not quite as many vacant houses in Ballinger as there is today, and to get a building large enough for temporary court house and to get it quick was no little job. Just about a year before a large frame building had been built for a rooming house, and was being used for immoral purposes. This house was located near the Colorado river, and old timers tell us, stood just about where the little exhibit stand is now located on the picnic ground. The commissioners court closed a deal for this building and moved it t o a lot North of the railroad and near where the Massey hotel now stands. This was used for a court house until the present building was completed. After being abandoned by the county officials the building was moved to the present site of the Ballinger State Bank. It was used for a number of years for the Dan Sullivan saloon, and later for a hotel, and up to a few years ago was one of Ballinger's leading hotels. This building was destroyed by fire and the lot purchased for the bank building.

Flowers, vines and ornamental trees by the million are now being propogated in an enormour nursery on the ground of San Diego's exposition for decoration of the exposition buildings in 1915. The climate is such that the plants grow vigerously whenever cared for and protected.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

by local application, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by contsieteassnfDanedoemitelrs s lO D caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result and unless the in flammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroy ed forever; 9 cases out of 10 are caused by Catarrh which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars,

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggist, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Credit at the bank is one of the greatest assests a farmer can have. It increases his ability to buy and sell; it places him in the class with other business men and thus gives him an opportunity to deal satisfactorily with business men; it places a certain guarantee upon the products he has for sale, which enables him to sell to the best advantage; it secures favors from the banker and others when these are needed. Open an account with the bank and take the banker into your confidence.—Farm & Ranch.

TRAIN LOAD WOOL SHIPPED OUT MONDAY

1913 Spring Clip Billed via Galveston to Boston. Nine Cars Containing 265,000 Pounds Represents Cash.

The wool that had been concentrated at this place, and which was sold by the wool browers last week, was loaded for shipment, last Friday and Saturday and Monday morning the wool was shipped over the Santa Fe to Galveston, and will go by water from that place to Boston.

It required nine cars to transport the entire lot of wool, and it figured about 265,000 pounds. This is a pretty good lot of wool for a small territory that does not make much pretense towards wool growing, and leaves behind considerable cash.

At one time in the history of Ballinger this was the largest wool market in Texas, and as the farmers came the sheepmen left, or quit. That was a big mistake they made. Wool growing should have been continued, as it has been proven that a few sheep on the farm brings together no small amount of cash, and it it an invest ment that pays the farmer. Several small farmers in this county have during the last two or three years have added sheep as a side line, and they are finding it a very profitable venture.

The farmer who makes his farm provide a comfortable home and produce feed for his table does not have trouble keeping his boy on the farm. You can not expect the boy to stay at home when there is nothing to attract him around the old place, and the feed that he eats is all "store-bought."

Read our advertisements.

Wool Industry Being Revived

In 1887, 88, 89, and for a number of years during the early life of Ballinger, this was the largest wool market in Texas. In fact it was the largest wool market in the South, and millions of pounds of wool were shipped from this point to the Eastern mills. With the coming of the man with the hoe, the sheep industry was gradually reduced until it got down to a small scale. It was one of these mistakes that man is heir to, and they are gradually waking up to the importance of again bringing sheep back into this country. In recent years sheep growing has rapidly come to the front, until today this is no small item in Ballinger's commerce

A Wool Growers' Association was organized last year, and while it is just a little more than one year old, it has been the means of renewing interest in wool growing This month a large amount of wool was stored here, and the wool disposed of at much better advantage than if it had been sold in small dribblets. A solid train load was shipped from Ballinger on the 23 of the present month.

This industry promises to double in Runnels county within the next few years, as the local banks are encouraging the sheep industry by advancing money to the farmers with which to buy a small bunch of sheep.



Storing Wool at Ballinger

BUMPER JUNE BRIDE CROP.

Waco, Texas, June 26.—The city of Waco is active and leading in more ways than one. According to the marriage officials there has been exactly one hundred and fifteen couples have entered double harness already this month and the month is not yet gone. It is freely predicted that at least 175 will seek "two heart as one" route ere the month is over.

One Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty Three

Times Have We Been Trusted in Our Perscription Department.

AN INVITATION

Is Extended to All to Visit Our Store, See Our

114,323 ORIGINAL PERSCRIPTIONS

Drink our ice water and rest under those whizzing fans---You'll find our store the shop De Luxe of Ballinger.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS

THE WALKER DRUG COMPANY

"In Business For Your Health"

The Rexall Store.

CASH | 3 Boxes Search Light Matches 10c | 7 Bars Chrystal White Soap 25c | 10lb. Bucket Cottolene $1.34 | 25 Pound Sack Sugar $1.24 | CASH

Keeping Pace

The most lengthy day of the year has past, and each succeeding one grows shorter, and as the Great Keeper of time clips from each day a few seconds, WE TOO clip from the COMMON PRICES enough to make it worth while for you to trade with

THE GLOBE

28 in. rass Bound Trunk, each $3.39

5 lbs. Roasted Coffee $1.00

17 Pounds Pink beans $1.00

10c Arm & Hammer Soda 5c

3 Mouse Traps 5 cents

28 in. Brass Bound Trunks each $3.49

20 Pounds Sugar $1.00

7 Pounds Nails 25c

3 lb. Bucket Red Top Axle Grease 18c

2 Bars W. R. Glycerine Soap 15c

Colgate's Talcum

Colgate's talcum powder, sale Price 18c
Colgate's shavng soap, sale price per pound 24

Cartridges

Winchester loaded shell Box 44c
Winchester .22 Cal., per Box 12
U. M. C. .22 Cal., per Box 10

Buggy Whips

294 Buggy Whips, Sale price each. 9

Galvanized Ware

No. 1 Galvanized wash Tubs 54c
No. 2 Galvanized wash Tubs 64
No. 3 Galvanized wash Tubs 74
8 quart water bucket Each 17
10 quart water bucket Each 19
12 quart water bucket Each 22
14 quart water bucket Each 24

Glasses

6 Hotel goblets, Sale Price 42c
6 ice tea goblets, Sale Price 84
6 tumblers, Our Sale Price 24

Dominoes

25c Dominoes, per Set 18

Winchester Guns

12 gauge Winchester pump guns $19.98
.22 cal. Winchester rifle, each, $8.98
.22 cal. Hopkins & Allen rifle each $2.74
Loaded Shells, per box, 44c
.22 Cal, Cartridges, per box, 10c

Pic Nic Plates

Pic Nic Plates, 2 for 1c

Lawn Sprinklers

Good Lawn Sprinklers, each, 49c

Stillson Wrenches

8 inch Stillson Wrench each 73c
10 inch Stillson Wrench each $1.14
12 inch Stillson Wrench eace $1.19
14 inch Stillson Wrench each $1.49

Percolators

4 cup Percolator each $2.19
6 cup Percolator each $2.39
9 cup Percolator each $2.98

Wire Nails

Best Wire Nails, a pound, 3½c
Wire Staples, a pound 4c

Hair Brushes

Good Hair Brush each 24c
Extra Good Hair Brush 49c
Good Cloth Brush 24c

Pad Locks

All kinds and sizes, at 4c to 34c

Rubber Hose

25 ft. length Good Grade, each $2.29
50 ft. length Good Grade, each $4.43

Drawing Knives

$1.00 Grade Sargent Brand each 69c

Fishing Tackle

80 ft. Line only 5c
100 ft. Trot Line only 19c
100 Heepshead Hooks 33c
8 ½ ft. Jointed Rods each $1.39
2 Fancy Fishing Corks 15c

Window Shades

All colors, your choice For 24c

3-in-1 Oil

3-in-1 oil, 10c size, 2 for 15c

Butter Moulds each 23c
Syrup Pitchers each 14c

$20.00 value Tailor Made Suits only $15.00

Bridle Bits

Good Bridle Bits each 9c
Better Bridle Bits each 18c

Vasilene

Blue Seal vasilene per Bottle 4c

Cups and Saucers

6 cups and 6 saucers For 49c
6 plates, large size For 49c

Art Squares

$5.00 Grade, 9x10 1-2 Art Squares $3.94

Suit Cases

Men's Suit Cases, Sale Price 98c

Tea and Table Spoons

W, B. W. table spoons a Set 18c
W. B. W. tea spoons, a Set 9

Nest Eggs

1 Dozen Nest Eggs For 24c

Bicycle Tires

28 inch Bicycle Tires Each $1.98

Enamel Wash Pans

Gray Enamel Wash Basin, 11 in. wide, 25c value, Sale price 10c

O. N. T. Thread

7 Spools O. N. T. Thread only 25c

Minnow Seines

10 x 4 ft. Seine each 98c
Good Fishing Reel each 48c

Chair Seats

Chair Seats all sizes each 13c

Men's Shoes

Men's $2.50 to 3.00 Shoes, a pair $1.84
Men's $3.50 to 4.00 shoes, a pair 2.86

P epperell Elastic Seam Drawers a pr. 4

Faultless Starch

5 packages Faultless Starch for 25c

Giant Lye

17 cans Giant Lye For $1.00

Soap

7 bars C. W. Soap For 25c
8 bars Clarette Soap For 25c
2 bars Wild Rose Glycerine Soap For 15c
3 bars Cocoa Long Bar For 24c

Soda

10 lbs. Arm & Hammer Soda Only 49c
1 lb. Arm & Hammer Soda Only 5c

Baking Powder

10c can K C Baking Powder at 8c
15c can K C Baking Powder at 12½c
25c can K C Baking Powder at 23c
10c can Good Luck Baking Powder at 8c
25c can Good Luck Baking Powder at 23c
Good 4 String Broom for 25c

Meal

Best Wichita meal per sack 69c

Flour

Albatross Flour For $1.49
Sample Sack Free

Sugar

25 pound sack Sugar $1.24
20 pound Sugar for 1.00

Lard

10 pound bucket Swifts Premium $1.59
10 pound bucket Swift's Jewel 1.14
10 pound bucket Cottolene Each 1.34

Beans

17 pound Pink Beans For $1.00
24 pounds Pinto Beans For 1.00

Ice Cream Freezers

2 qt. Ice Cream Freezer each $1.69
3 qt. Ice Cream Freezer each $1.94
4 qt. Ice Cream Freezer each $2.39

Perfection Oil Stoves

Oil Cook Stoves Each $13.19

Shoe Lasts

Good Shoe Last 3 forms a set 69c

Can Corn

1 dozen Wild Rose Can Corn now 89c
1 dozen Clipper Brand Can Corn now 94

Clipper Tomatoes

1 dozen 2 lb. cans Clipper Tomatoes 94c
1 dozen 3 lb. cans Clipper Tomatoes $1.19

Van Camp Hominy

1 dozen Van Camps Hominy 94c
1 dozen Van Camps Kraut $1.07

Coffee

Arbuckles Coffee a pound 24c
5 pounds Roasted Coffee 98c
Cheek Neal Bucket Coffee 84c
M. H. Blend Bkt. Coffee 97c

Welch's Grape Juice

1 pt. Welch's Grape Juice for 24
1 qt. Welch's Grape Juice for 47
½ gal. Welch's Grape Juice for 89
4 oz. Welch's Grape Juice, a bottle 9c
½ pt. Welch's Grape Juice a bottle 14

Dried Fruit

Dried Apples per pound 9c
Dried Peaches per pound 9c
Dried Grapes per pound 7½c

Syrups

Green Velva 1 gallon 69c
Red Velva 1 gallon 59c
W. R. Syrup 1 gallon 39c
Green Velva ½ gallon 39c
Red Valva ½ gallon 34c
W. Rose ½ gallon 22c

National Crackers

Best bulk Crackers per lb. 8c
Premium Crackers per package 10c
Uneeda Biscuit per package 5c
Nabisco's per package 10c

Lamp Burners

No. 1 Lamp Burners each 4c
No. 2 Lamp Burners each 9c
No. 1 Lamp Chimney each 4c
No. 2 Lamp Chimney each 8c

Gane Fishing Poles

18 foot Cane Fishing Poles, each 14c.

Aluminum Kettles.

10qt. Aluminum Tea Kettle, each $3.19

Diston Hand Saws

Diston Hand Saws, each, $1.89
H. W. Peace Hand Saws, Each, $1.47

Tin Buckets

Tin Buckets, 10 qt., each 14c
Tin Buckets, extra heavy, 10 qt., at 29c
Tin Buckets, extra heavy, 12 qt., at 39c

Enamel Dippers

Enamel dippers, 15c values, each, 5c

Files

10 in. files, 25c values, each 14c
12 in. files, 35c values, each 19c

Phone 320 — Free Delivery

"THE GLOBE"

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

R. P. Conn — Free Delivery

CASH | 50c rass King Wash Board 39c | 5 Gallons Coal Oil 69c | 6 Boxes Sardines 25c | 1 Doz. 3 lb. Pie Peaches $1.00 | CASH

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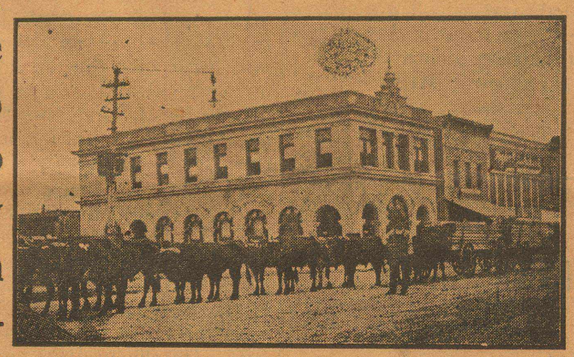
Ballinger Banks Safe and Sound---Make Splendid Financial Showing.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK

NOTWITHSTANDING the reports that have gone out that Runnels county has suffered a famine for more than three years, and that the people are poverty stricken, and that the mercantile institutions of Ballinger are tottering on the brink of bankruptcy, the three Ballinger banks furnish statements, made to the comptroller on the 4th day of the present month, that is proof sufficient to refute all hard time stories and poverty howls.

It is true that the agricultural interests have suffered reverses to some extent since the bumper crop of 1906. But this is true in the history of every country. The reduction in crop yield in this country during the last two or three years has proven a blessing in disguise to many, and has been the cause of turning the farmers from the one crop idea, and they are today raising something besides cotton for the market, and have money in the bank, while three years ago they were running their farm from year to year on credit, which is a curse to any country. Today more farm produce, such as poultry, live stock and creamery products, are being raised and this converted into cash as fast as it is ready for market keeps the farmer in money to pay his way as he goes and at the same time gives him a surplus to deposit in the banks and convert into a savings account.



BALLINGER STATE BANK AND TRUST CO.

As an evidence of the accuracy of every statement we have made, we are pleased to submit a few figures taken from last statements of the Ballinger banks, sworn to by the officers of these banks.

Combined capital and surplus	$522,981.00
Combined deposits	521,372.76
The three Ballinger banks have invested in real estate, banking houses, furniture and fixtures	103,000.00

When we stop to consider that this is not the money season of the year, that the grain market is not quite here, and that the cotton season is over, it is easy to appreciate the above as being a very creditable showing and that with present crop prospects the deposits of the three banks will more than double before the close of the present year. We can also see from the above figures that Ballinger banks are on a safe and sound basis and that despite the "rocky" conditions that some would have believe exist, Ballinger banks are able to care for their customers.



FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK

Ballinger a Big Trade Center For Agricultural AND Live Stock Territory

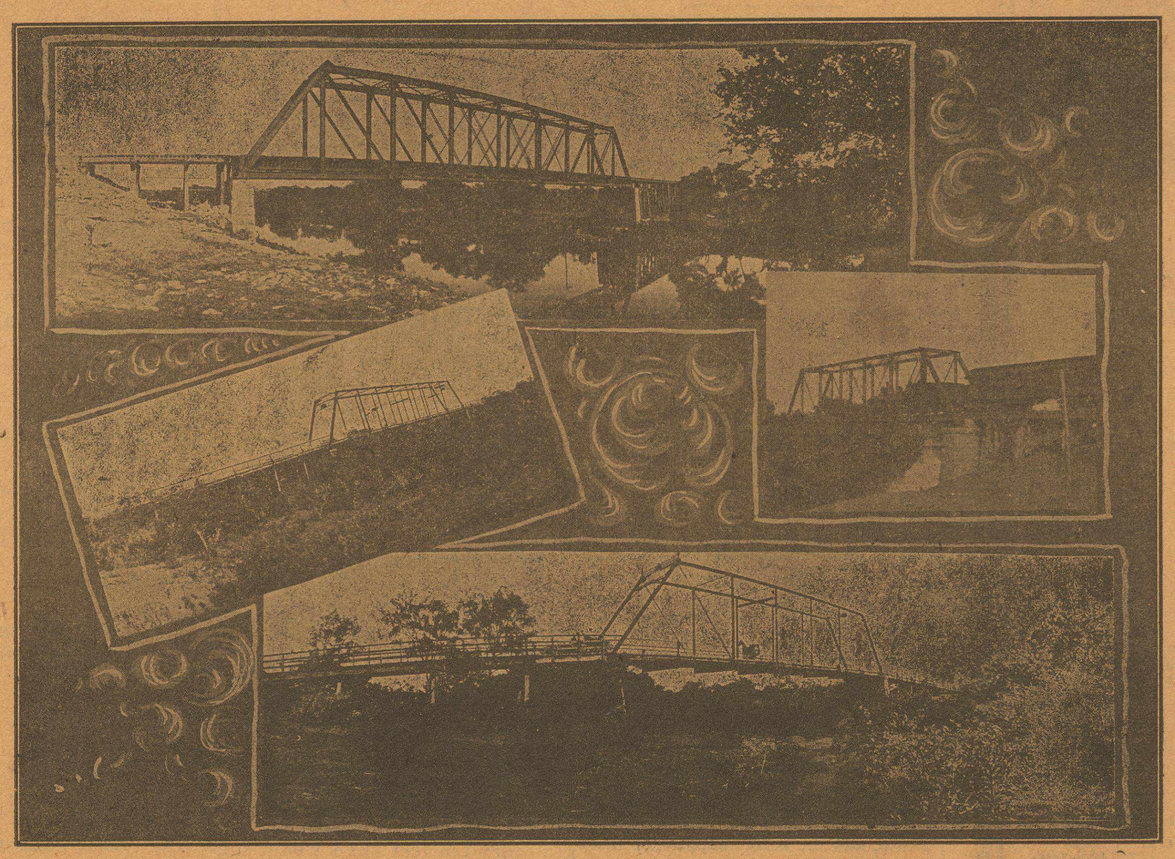
It was a feather in Ballinger's cap when in 1906-07 cotton season she received fifty-four thousand bales of cotton off of cotton wagons. That is the boost that would be calculated to give any town the big-head; that would cause it to take on a boom. But, fortunately, Ballinger has never been on a boom—not since the day the first town lot sale was held, June 29th, 1886. It has enjoyed what you might call a steady, substantial growth. and in this way the development of the county and the agricultural interest have kept pace with the development of the town, and today there is not a town in Texas that is more substantially built than Ballinger. Its entire business section is built of stone, the last frame building having been destroyed by fire about three months ago.

When Ballinger received fifty-four thousand bales of cotton it was from the largest crop that was ever grown in Central West Texas At that time Ballinger's trade territory covered a larger area than it does now during the present day. Yet, today, there is no town in Central West Texas that can boast of as large trade territory as Ballinger. During the last cotton season farmers came 52 miles to the Ballinger market, and hundreds of bales of cotton were hauled here from a distance of 30 to 40 miles. Today farmers in Coke, Concho, Coleman, Taylor, and Nolan counties are making Ballinger their trading point.

This is easily accounted for when one realizer the splendid stocks of merchandise carried in Ballinger, and the ability of the merchants to extend liberal courtesy, and accomodations that helps over the bad places in the course of crop growing season.

In recent years Ballinger merchants have inaugurated plans for cotton than paid by other towns. A merchant's buyer has been put in the market and on a numeber of insuring the farmer more for his occasions farmers have more than realized enough money above the other markets, expenses for coming the extra distance in reaching the Ballinger market. Ballinger merchants stand ready to meet all competition in both buying and in selling, and they offer every inducement in keeping with fair methods and conservative business dealings.

Ballinger's trade territory is made up of the farming and livestock country that yields from year to year millions of dollars worth of products that go to help feed the world. The banks of Ballinger are an index to the proceeds realized from the resources of this large trade territory. (See bank statements published elsewhere in this paper). While it is true that during the last five or six years the trade territory has been somewhat curtailed by the development of railroads building in this section, yet the development of the farming and livestock interests have been such as to offset the loss sustained in distance and the town is today enjoying a steady trade increase.



FOUR IMPORTANT GATEWAYS TO BALLINGER.

RUNNELS COUNTY INHABITANTS.

When the land upon which the town of Ballinger now stands was bought for a town, Runnels county had less tha 2000 people. In 1890 it had little more than 3000, in 1900 it had 5379. Today it has 20,858. Of the present population there are 20,824 white people and 34 negros. There are 11,901 males and 10,957 females. There are 3,152 voters in the county.

A glance at these figures will give the reader an idea of how rapidly Runnels county has developed. According to the above figurres the population of county has increased at the rate of about 750 people per year, or about two people per day for twenty-seven years Yet, today, there is enough room in this county for several times as many more people to make their homes, and no doubt, the next twenty-seven years will bring about greater changes than have been wrought in the past twenty-seven.

The Aztecs ruled America at one time but the nation, since the days of Hernado Cortez has dwindled to less than 1000 pure bred survivors. Some of these will be brought to San Diego's exposition, with their arts and crafts.



French Fried Potatoes "Cottolened"

DID YOU ever eat French Fried Potatoes made with *Cottolene?* If not, you've never eaten French Fried Potatoes at their best.

Cottolene makes them rich and crisp and appetizing, but never greasy.

If you have been frying and shortening your food with butter, try

Cottolene

It is every bit as good, at less than one-third the price.

If you are using lard for shortening and frying, we would simply suggest that *Cottolene* is recognized and recommended by leading physicians, domestic science authorities, and culinary experts generally, as being more wholesome, digestible and producing better food. *Cottolene* is a vegetable product—pure in source and making—and is bound to be better and safer than lard.

Try this Recipe

Pare the potatoes, shave in very thin slices, or cut in straws, ½ in. strips, dice or crescents. Soak in cold water, drain dry on a napkin, and cook few at a time in basket in deep hot *Cottolene.* Drain and season with salt.



Made only by THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY

Letters From the People

Against Amendment to Sections 49 and 52, Article 3. of the Constitution.

Editor Standard.

This amendment should be defeated on July 19, primarily, because it is ambiguous and so uncertain that few people now agree as to what it means. It is wrong to put such uncertain things in the constiution and the following are some of the further reasons why it should be defeated:

1. It authorizes the State officials to create debts against the State to supply deficencies in the current revenues to the amount of half a million dollars, which may be repeated as often as the debts are paid. The limit now is $200,000. The increase is $300,000.

2. The Legislature is given power to authorize the issuance of bonds to purchase additional ground and erect necessary buildings for the University of Texas. This is to include a medical department and an agricultural and mechanical college in connection with the State University at Austin.

3. The Legislature may issue bonds for the construction of neccessary buildings for other State instiutions.

4. The Legislature may authorize the issuance of bonds secured by a lien on the real property of the penitentiary sytsem for the purpose of constructing buildings and making permanent improvements.

5. The amendment authorizes the bonding of certain divisions of a county or any number of adjoining counties for roads and other public improvements by a majority vote. It now remains a two-thirds majority to issue these bonds.

6. In the improvement of rivers, creeks, building of levees to prevent overflows, the bonded indebtedness may be for an amount not to exceed one-half of the assessed valuation of the lands. It is now one-fourth.

7. The issuance of bonds by a majority vote for the construction and maintenance of public waresouses or in aid thereof may be authorized.

Therefore, we have seven distinct, separate and independent amendments, and the voter is forced to vote for every one of them or against every one of them. He is not permitted to exercise his own good horse sense in chosing which he will oppose and which he will favor.

If the amendment is adopted the Legislature can isue all the bonds of the class in Paragraphs 2 3 and 4 that it desires and pay whatever rate of interest it may wish. There is no limit. So it is a guess as to how many bonds—in dollars—will be authorized. But if the Legislature heeds the demands that will be made, the account will be something like this:

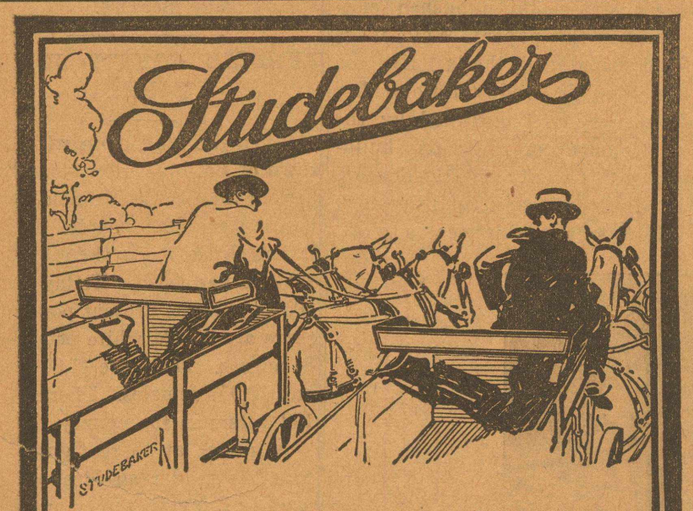
For the university.....$2,000,000
For the Penitentiary... 3,000,000
For other institutions .. 1,000,000

Or a grand total of $6,000,000.

In addition to this, the Legislature will be called upon to appropriate $2,000,000 to pay the debts of the penitentiary system for the reason that under the terms of the amendment the proceeds of the penitentiary bonds can only be used for building and permanent improvements. The Legislature struck from the amend ment that part which authorized the use of the bond money to pay the penitentiary debts.

CHARLES B. METCALFE.

Don't send away, come to me and I will save you some money on the next watch you buy. JAS. E. BREWER, jeweler and optician



"The LIFE of a wagon is what counts —that's why I buy a Studebaker"

"That's reasonable, isn't it?"

"A wagon that doesn't last is expensive no matter what price you pay for it."

"Suppose you buy three wagons, one after the other, and the three of them don't last as long as one Studebaker—which is the best bargain?"

"I didn't find this out myself. I heard my grandfather say it a good many years ago. He said he had proved that it paid to buy a Studebaker. I followed his advice to my own satisfaction."

"A wagon can't have life in it unless it has the material and work and finish in it. The Studebaker people have been making vehicles for sixty years. They ought to know how to make wagons right—and they do. They have the reputation because they've produced the goods. They don't put the name Studebaker on until the wagon's *right,* and when you see the name Studebaker on a vehicle of any kind it is your insurance of quality."

"That's why I buy a Studebaker. I trust a Studebaker wagon because I trust the people that make them. It's good business."

"A Studebaker promise is always made good."

See our Dealer or write us.

STUDEBAKER **South Bend, Ind.**

NEW YORK CHICAGO DALLAS KANSAS CITY DENVER
MINNEAPOLIS SALT LAKE CITY SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND, ORE.

COTTON CONVENTION ANNOUNCED FOR JULY

Second Gathering of Planters and Business is Planned to Start July 10 Large Crowd Expected.

A second meeting of the Cotton Growers of the South will be held in Fair Park Coliseum July 10, continuing several days. This is pursuant to a resolution passed at the last convention, May 1. The interest and enthusiasm displayed at the preceding convention went far to show the officials the spirit of the men toward the Southern States Cotton Corporation and their plan for marketing the cotton of the South.

The convention to be held July 10 will doubtless reveal in concrete form the progress of the plain in the entire cotton growing belt, and it is probable that the co-operation of the banks in the movement will be shown by the attendance from banking circles. The convention will be held at Fair Park Coliseum and it is expected that a large crowd will attend.—Dallas Times Herald.

REDUCED RATES ON RAILROADS

ATTEND THE GREAT COTTON RALLY, DALLAS, JULY 10-11

The Entire South to Be Represented in a Notable Gathering of Planters and Business Men.

It is expected that thousands of people concerned in a safe, sane MARKETING SYSTEM for cotton will attend the great Cotton Convention to be held at Fair Park Coliseum, Dallas, July 10-11.

This convention has been called pursuant to a resolutlion passed at the preceding convention, May 1. The interest and enthusiasm displayed at this convention proved that the plan of the Southern States Cotton Corporation is one that the world must reckon with in the future.

Moreover, the plan has already proved that cotton can be sold for FIFTEEN CENTS per pound, because it has already afforded relief to thousands of farmers. With the co-operation of thinking cotton growers of the South it is destined to become a factor in cotton conditions of the future. That it is receiving this co-operation is shown by the active organization in more than 300 cotton growing counties, and the large volume of contracts now being taken for the coming season.

The convention will reveal the rapid progress of the work throughout the South, and the active support of many prominent bankers and business men who will be in attendance.

Conservation of Rainfall Helps Crop Production

By Uncle Johnny

We are so crude and clownish that it makes us a little bashful. But we have past some mileposts and not many years or days hence will go from dust to glory. In the meantime I wish the readers of this good moral guide, whom I am almost persuaded to call my friends, would feel free to make use of me and my services as they may wish.

Naturally we are plain, blunt, frank. What we believe we do believe as firmly as a full grown man with hair on his face and what we know we know absolutely. According to my mind the ultimate success of the great undeveloped west depends for the most part on the permanent success of the individual home-builder.

The small farmstead must be made to declare a nice fat dividend that this dividend may go in to the channels of commerce and make business sizzle and crac and pop and hum. The great cattle ranges are being subdivided and the area once required to support one lank lop-sided cow will keep a family in luxury with small irrigation plants here and hereabouts. But the most vital problem confronting the middlewest at present is the intelligent conservation of the rainwaters that fall on the fields. To fully comprehend the vast importance attaching to the conservation of every drop of these floodwaters it is necessary that we know that capil larity here in this particular soil is none too good and perfect. Water on the great plains percolates downward freely but the moisture does not circulate and rise to the dust mulch that must be kept on top of the soil unless the supply in the soil is plentiful. The texture of the soil on the great prairies is such that circulation is not as good and free as in other types of soil. For this reason it is necessary to store much moisture.

With an experience of eight or ten years here, we claim and believe it is generally conceded that whereever the most water settles in the fields there the field-yield is the heaviest. In the hog-wallows the crops are invariably the best. On the prairies and in the pastures, where the water gravitates to prairie dog holes that have been abandoned and runs in and thoroughly soaks the ground there the grass is finest.

These conditions have suggested the fact that we should have hog-wallows, prairie dog holes or reservoirs all over our farms to hold in check all storm waters long enough to let them soak in to the jug clay sub-soil and be bottled up for future use. Last year we produced cotton at a profit by utilizing this thought. Instead of looking away to the government for irrigation projects, we looked down at our own feet. Instead of looking to the hills and mountains for reservoirs we decided after much serious thought and some heart interest that our farms should be made our reservoirs and instead of having few big reservoirs, we should have many small ones and they should be right at the roots of the growing plants. Our soil cells should be our reservoirs. They should be filled with water during the winter and spring rains. And then if needs be other and larger reservoirs should be established over the field in which we propose to answer the question "What shall we do to be fed." I suggest some plans in the hope that these may provoke better ones.

If there are those who realize that brain power is better than muscular stunts they might use dynamite in making reservoirs.

The big muscular man who wants to work up a natural appetite might drill holes all over his farm with a post ouger or cut trenches with a little Georgia stock and bull tongue plow, but these should be run with the slope of the hill and not up and down it. Much of our plant food and the richest elements of our soil go off into the creeks and rivers by this route.

A row or reservoir running across the field should have a "fall" of not more than an inch to every ten feet but I would suggest that these furrows should be big enough and broad enough to hold a hundred barrels of water to every two hundred yards. It is contrary to every good rule of farming to let the storm waters rush off to be pumped back at great expense. I have a German neighbor who doesn't let the outside sweep on his cultivator fill up the furrow of the inside sweep but leaves the depression to catch the rain and let it soak in under the growing plants. He holds that a well rounded up bed sheds water like a houseroof and the sur plus goes rushing off under bridges that should be transformed into dams. And when pumps are installed in the creeks and rivers to pump the water back on the farm they cannot pump the plantfood and pertility back. It is gone forever, and ugly erosious and depleted spots on comparative ly fresh farms is the consequence. It reflects adversely on our intelligence and present farm-creed that we have not before now stopped this awful leak.

Our heads should be a little better soil-poised. We should put on a rain coat and get out in the field during local showers sloshouts and see the storm waters going off of smooth harrowed land and gushing down the gullies, carrying the very properties of the soil that represent heavy field yields if it were only conserved and the water bottled up to be drawn on by growing plants at maturing and fruiting time.

Our savation in the West depends in a large measure on individual effort, live stock and silos. Intensified intelligence applied to the individual farmstead with enthusiasm will bring us out at the end of the year as happy as the ending of a love story.

We try to offer something practical rather than theoretical and something that will put something good to eat on the table and radiate smiles.

I am a fraid I have been tedious. My apology is that my heart is in this work. I would sug gest further, however, that where fields are rolling. the water should be emptied out of one set of rows into another and lead forth and back over the field until it has time to soak in. This is the simple, practical, logical economical plan that we have evoved from sheer necessity. Only yesterday after a sudden "slosh-out" we went into the field to make observations and rejoice with the frogs and birds. To our surprise the water was coming out at the end of the rows and rushing off toward the gulf in a regular river carrying the richest properties of plantfood with it.

A dam a foot or two high would have turned this flood of water back into another set of rows and allowed it to "soak in."

We get our "stuff" first hand directly from the soil—right from the furrows. We tell what we have the grit, grace, backbone and determination to do things as well as to talk about doing. Our legs should be made familiar with the road to success. Conservation leads in that direction. Once we get a bountiful supply of moisture bottled up in the soil cells there are but two ways that it can escape. It must either be taken up by evaporation or vegetation. Of course every studious and thoughtful manager who follows out a sensible system of scien tific soil culture recognizes the necessity of getting wise to plugging up the top end of the soil cells as honey bees cap over their honey cells. This is sucessfully done with the earth blanket or dust mulch to prevent evaporation.

The height and length of our vision has not changed but we have a clearer view of things close by. But the horizon of thought and the reach and scope of reason have heightened, broadened and deepened.

Please let me repeat that our "thinkery" should be kept in good smooth running order and our thinking intensified. We should not slip and slide and drift with the tide.

Necessarily we must abandon forever, the traditional slipshod farming system of our forefathers and adopt a clear cut modernized method that leads to absolute success. Some danger attaches to all radical changes but the day of specializing has come into our lives as modernists and we must excell in our particular line if we would succeed aboundantly.

For special soils, climates, altitudes and longitudes as well as for special enxvironments we must adopt a strictly definite and specialized farm system.

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Transmitting Electricity

"This coffee," remarked the host as he switched off the electric percolator, "is brewed by the energy of Niagara Falls."

"What!" exclaimed the guest, "Why man, Niagara Falls is nearly two hundred miles away."

"Two hundred miles away is but a step for electricity," explained the host. "The energy of the mighty torrent leaping over Niagara is changed to electrical energy by giant turbine waterwheels connected to electrical gen erators. This energy, under enormous pressure, can be sent over slender wires for hundreds of miles. That is why we can make coffee right here on the dining room table using the energy of Niagara two hundred miles away."

A few years ago it was thought a wonderful achievement when electricity was transmitted twenty-five miles. Today there are many installations where the elec trical energy is carried for more than two hundred miles. Plans have already been made for the distribution of power from the Keokuk dam on the Mississippi to St. Louis, 130 miles away and to many other cities and towns within a radius of 250 miles. Along the Pacific coast there are several long distance transmission lines. In the South there are at least two extending more than two hundred miles each. Europe is keeping almost even pace in the development of water power plants. It is planned to carry 200 000 horse power from the Danube to Paris. Another plant on the Rhone, several hundred miles away, will carry an equal amount of power to the French capital.

Looking at the heavy transmission wires which are suspended from steel towers placed a few rods apart it is hard to believe over the metal circuit By daylight there is not the slightest indication that hundreds of horse power are being sent over the wires. By night these wires often glow with a strange light which sugests that they are carrying a heavy load of electricity.

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At one time I had a very bad case of Eczema. It troubled me for seven or eight years, and, although I tried all kinds of medicine and several doctors, I got no relief until I used Hunt's Cure. I used several boxes, and it finally cured me, and I have always kept a box with me for fear it will come back.

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During the past decade we have shown a decrease of 4 1-2 per cent in illiteracy among the voters of this State. We have had much agitation and considerable legislation seeking to withdraw the ballot from the illiterate and the younger generation is apparently better educated and both causes may have contributed towards our registrating a better average.

We have 124 illiterate voters in Runnels county according to a recent census bulletin and 24 per cent of our males of voting age are unable to write The per centage in 1900 was 24. The per centage of illiterates among the natives white voters of this county is 18; foreign born white 87

Out of 1,003,357 males of voting age in Texas 109,328 or 11 per cent are illiterate. In 1900 we had in the entire State 737,768 voters and 15 1-2 per cent were illiterate.

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TO MAKE BAD BOY GOOD OPERATION IS PERFORMED

Philadelphia, June 18.—An operation which the surgeons declare will make a good boy of eight years old Claire H. Jameson was performed yesterday in the West Philadelphia homeopathy hospital, where a piece of bone about two inches long and one inch wide was removed from the boy skull.

The child, it was stated, was a good boy when he first went to school three years ago. His second year he was not quite so good and since then he has been a terror to his teacher parents and other children. An x-ray operation disclosed the fact that there was a depression in his skull ,probably the result of a fall or a blow which the surgeons say caused the change in the boy's deportment.

PUT ONE EYE OUT.
Suffered 36 Years from Skin Disease.

I suffered from a skin disease for 36 years, and about six months ago it attacked one of my eyes, and it put it out. After it was too late, I got a box of Hunt's Cure and began to use it, and I must say that it is the best remedy I have used in 36 years, and I believe it will cure any skin eruption.

P. H. CHANEY,
Caney, La.

Judge W. H. Gross and son Will, of Mineral Wells, came in Friday night to look after the Judges' ranch property up the river and young Mr. Gross will spend the summer on the ranch looking after improvements being put on the same with the view of occupancy of Judge Gross and family in the near future.

H. L. Blackburn returned home Friday night from Comanche where he had been to sell out a bunch of horses and says he did very well on what he sold and will go back again to close out the remnant.

Attorney L B. Harris left Friday afternoon for Dallas, where he goes to look after legal busines a few days.

INTERURBAN CAR HITS AUTOMOBILE

Accident Near Fort Worth May Cost Lives of Two Well Known Men. Girl Also Hurt.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 20.—Dr. G. H. Thomas and daughters, Verda, of Handley and J C. Crowley, of Fort Worth, were injured at 10:30 when a Dallas-Fort Worth interurban car crashed into their auto near Handley.. Crowley is the most dangerously injured.

The girl was thrown clear of the car and escaped with a bad scalp wound, a broken collar bone and both limbs injured, but not broken. Dr. Thomas has his left hip crushed, his collar bone broker and his left side injured Crowley had his left hip bone broken.

Physicians expressed hopes for the recovery of all. Dr. Thomas, it is asserted will be permanently crippled if he recovers.

The accident occured in front of Dr. Thomas' home on the interurban. Mrs. Thomas heard the crash as the limited car hit the auto and rushed to the porch and witnessed the wreck.

Guaranteed Eczema Remedy.

The constant itching, burning, redness, rash and disagreeable effect of eczema, tetter, salt, rheum, itch, piles and irritating skin eruptions can be readily cured and the skin made clear and smooth with Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Mr. J. C. Eveland, of Both, Ill., says: "I had eczema twenty-five years and had tried everything. All failed. When I found Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment I found a cure." This ointment is the formula of a physician and has been in use for years—not an experiment. That is why we can guarantee it All druggist, or by mail. Price 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

GOOD ROADS IN CALIFORNIA

Pacific Coast State Ranks Next to New York in Making Appropriations for Improvement.

Next to New York, California is doing the big thing in road building. It has 2,300 miles of main routes and 400 miles of laterals, and it is spending its lump appropriation of $18,000,000, of which it is said, "Approximately 70 per. cent. of the burden will fall upon the incorporated cities." California communities have the spirit of the times. For instance, Los Angel the county alone spent $3,500,000 on oil macadam highways.

In Alabama a system of trunk roads from north to south and from east to west has been laid out. Louisiana has spent almost $10,000,000 in four years. Mississippi counties have declared bond issues of $600,000, and the state will spend millions in the next three years. Utah spent $2,000,000 in the past two years. Minnesota is preparing to build 2,700 miles of road next year. Maryland has got its road-building under a rigorous system. Its newest program calls for about $5,000,000 in two years in the 23 counties. This is the latest expert knowledge.

FILLING ROADS AND STREETS

Modern Transportation Demands Best of Thoroughfares—Aim Should Be to Even Filling.

When graveling streets, if the outsides are filled first and the stones raked toward the center and covered, it will leave the surface in nice condition. When the center is filled first it is impossible to cover the stones with the thin covering at the outside of the fill. I noticed a village street that was being raised ten inches with coarse gravel. The center was filled first and the coarse stones raked to the outsides. It required twice the time to do the grading as if the outsides had been filled first and the coarse stones raked toward the deepest part of the fill in the center, writes an expert in the Farm and Home. Moreover, the street is sprinkled with stones that could not be covered, which will make extra expense to haul away, and it will be a rough road for years to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Silvey, of Brownwood, came in Saturday at noon and went out to the home of her father, W. F. McShann, down the river, where they will visit a week or two.

Mrs. R. O. Walton and little son left Friday afternoon for Waco where they will visit relatives and friends a few weeks.

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BALLINGER FORGER GETS MORE MONEY

Boy Who Forged Check in Ballinger Works Same Game in Dallas. Father Wants to Refund Money.

The boy who came here from Winters last April and passed a forged check on the Ballinger State Bank, an account of which appeared in this paper a few days ago, worked the same game in Dallas and returned to his home in Tennessee. A message from Sheriff Flynt to the Chief of Police in Dallas brought the following reply:

Dallas, Texas, June 18.
Sheriff's Department,
Ballinger, Texas.
Gentlemen:

In reply to your phone message in regard to one D. C. Duffle, beg to advise that this party forged a check on C. W. Cowan, 820 Melba St., to the amount of $75 and went to Memphis, Tenn. His father, C. S. Duffle at No. 671 Woodlawn Ave., Memphis, Tenn., advised Mr. Cowan that he would take care of the check at Ballinger also the one forged here.

Yours very truly,
J. W. RYAN,
Chief of Police.

For the present the charge against the young man will probably be dropped, but will come before the grand jury when that body meets this fall. If a bill is found on the charge it will be necessary to get the young man back to Texas before he can be prosecuted on either the charge at Dallas or the one here.

Master Connelly Willis, of Waco, who come in a few days ago to bring an auto to Mrs. Willis, who is here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Westbrooks and Ballinger friends, left for his home Friday afternoon.

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TEXAS LEADS—AS USUAL

Stamford, Texas, June 20.—For twenty-five years, with but one year of rest a sixty acres field has been planted in wheat, near this city. During all those years there has never been a failure recorded. The latest yield averaged twnty-two and one half bushels to the acre. The first year it made thirty bushels per acre.

In the crops just harvested Mr. Woodson, the owner of the land, prepared his seed bed late in the summer and a good crop is accounted for by this fact. The present crop is splendid evidence of the strength of land in this section of the State.

Take Plenty of Time to Eat.

There is a saying that "rapid eating is slow suicide." If you have formed the habit of eating too rapidly you are most likely suffering from indigestion or constipation, which will result eventually in serious illness unless corrected. Digestion begins in the mouth. Food should be thoroughly masticated and insalivated. Then when you have a fullness of the stomach or feel dull and stupid after eating, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets .Many severe cases o fstomach trouble and constipation have been cured by the use of these tablets. They are easy to take and most agreeable in effect Sold by Walker Drug Co

Mrs. McMillan, of Zephyr, who had been visiting her son J. F. McMillan and family and her daughter. Mrs. W. R Clark and family for some time past, left for her home Friday afternoon.

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JOHN BRADLEY,
Caney, Kansas.

Rev. J. W. Dickinson and family, of Fort Worth, came in Thursday in their auto and will be the guests of Dr. R. A. Dickinson and family a few weeks Rev. Dickinson reports good rains all along the route and was detained a day on the road on account of heavy rains.

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to trespass by hunting, fishing, or cutting timber on our ranch 8 miles east of Ballinger on Mustang creek, or you will be dealt with as the law directs.

H. VANDEVANTER,

Mrs. C. S. Holcomb, of Sonora, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Westbrooks, left for her home Thursday She was accompanied home by her mother who will visit in Sonora a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hadley, of the Dry Ridge country, were shopping in Ballinger Friday and Mr. Hadley says his crops are in fine condition since the recent splendid rains.

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W A Gustavus, the merchant, left Friday afternoon for Houston and Galveston to buy goods and visit relatives and will also visit his son at Texas City before returning home

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WILL ENFORCE SPEED LIMIT LAW

Mayor Powell Directs City Marshal to Arrest All Parties Who Violates Law Governing Autos.

"I believe two or three fines will be more healthful than two or three accidents," said Mayor J. W. Powell, today, "and I have instructed the Marshal to get busy and put a stop to the fast and wreckless driving of autos on Ballinger streets, and to also arrest parties caught driving autos after dark without their cars lighted as the law directs. This also applies to motorcycles. We have been fortunate in that we have not had serious accidents and the city is going to enforce the ordinances against fast driving. Please get this in your paper, so the people will have an ample notice, and will have no kick coming when they are called on to pay for violating our ordinances."

Mayor Powell also stated that there was an ordinance against riding bicycles on side walks, and he has directed the marshal and also see that this ordinance is enforced. Side walks are made for race tracks for bicycle riders. We have seen ladies almost crowded off the side walks in the residence district just because they was afraid of the bicycle coming at a break neck speed towards her. Mayor Powell is certainly taking the right stand with reference to these matters, and while there will be a few who are suffering with the speed mania, that will kick the majority of the people will endorse him and will stand behind him in enforcing the laws.

TRESSPASS NOTICE

You are hereby warned not to trasspass on my ranch on the Concho in wise contrary to law, in the way of fishing, hunting, cutting wood, or gathering pecans, etc. You will take due notice or will be prosecuted as the law directs.

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RIVER EXGURSIONISTS ABANDON THEIR TRIP

Angelo Party Gives Up Colorado River Trip 200 Miles From Austin. Too Much Water.

San Angelo, Tex., June 20.—The trip from Ballinger to Austin down the Colorado river by boat having been abandoned Friday at Chadwicks, Mills, about 200 miles above the capitol city, John Thompson, one of the party arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon. The party was composed of Wallace Mason and John Thomson of this city and Prof. V. J. Smith of the manual training department of the High School. The trio left Ballinger June 7, and after numerous experiences arrived at Chadwick's Mills six day later. where they took the train for Austin. The trip would probably have been continued had it not been for the fact that Prof. Smith was due at home Sunday.

The voyage was made in a litfoot canvass boat, built by the party in the manual training shops here before the close of school With the exception of a few large slits in its side, caused by the shooting of rapids en route, the boat was in fairly good condition when abandoned. The pleasure of the trip was greatly marred by rain. The day after leaving Ballinger a 10-foot rise swept down the muddy Colorado and carried the party over forty miles in a few hours. However, that night they paid dearly for the ease in travel experienced during the day by receiving a good soaking.

Prof. Smith, in company with his mother, has gone to New York where he is attending a summer school. Mason is viisting relatives in Graham.

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Are We Saving Uncle Sam's Babies?

What the American cities are doing and can do toward preventing infant mortality and the high death rate of children under five years of age is the subject of a bul etine now in press by the Children's Bureau. It is the purpose of the bureau to issue a similar bulletin annually and in time to make it a complete manuel for municipal and philantropic activities in the direction of child welfare. Summer campaigns for babies' lives have been waged with such marvelously good effect in some cities, that it seems to the bureau important to enlist the energies of as many cities in this work as possible. To this end it will be helpful to collect and present for the information of all, the little or much that is being done by the various cities.

Results of Baby-Saving Campaigns.

The efforts of city health officers have resulted in the last ten years in reducing the general death rate in cities below that of the rural districts and villages. This reduction in general death rate is an encouraging indication of what is possible of accomplishment in efforts to reduce the infant death rate. Babies die of dis eases which to a large extent are preventable, and thus when welfare work is directed toward saving their lives the response is immediate and decided. In certain large cities such as New York and Philadelphia the result of systematic summer baby-saving campaigns has been shown in a reduction of between 30 and 40 per cent in the deaths of children under 2 years of age, in the wards where the work was concentrated.

Work Limited by Lack of Adequate Funds.

Practically the only limit of the good results to be obtained by enthusiastic campaigns lies in the financial side of the question. The investigations of the Children's Bureau indicate that the principal impediment to effective work in the health departments of most of the cities is the lack of adequate funds for carrying on preventive measures intelligently, and experience verifies the truth of the motto of the ew York Health Department, "Public health is purchasable within natural limitations a community can determine its own death rate."

Encouragement of Breast Feeding

It is estimated that a baby nursed by its mother has approximately ten times the chances to live that a bottle-fed baby has. All welfare workers, therefore, are advised to encourage mothers to make every effore to carry outs this most important maternal duty.

Inspection of Milk Supply

A clean milk supply is a fundamental need. The ideal is: Nothing short of clean milk for everybody. But the need for the prompt remedy of bad milk conditions is more urgent in its relation to the welfare of babies than to that of adults, since dirty milk is largely responsible for the occurance of diarrhea and enteritis, the most frequent causes of death among infants. The remedy lies in the intelligent and effective inspection of farms, the means of transportation and the shops where milk is sold, and in ordinances governing the sale of "dipped" or of "loose" milk.

Milk Statinos.

Aconstantly increasing number of cities of all sizes are establishng mlk statons and dispensing milk, whether pure milk, certified modified, pasteurized, or sterlized milk to mothers of babies that must be bottle fed. Some of the cities in which such institutions are maintained are: Albany, Baltimore Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Dayton, Detroit, Hartford , Honolulu and many others.

The milk station is simply a room sufficiently large to accomodate the patrons and equipped with a large ice box, a desk, some chairs and a table. An ordinary store is suitable for a station and sometimes as is the case of the station at Utica, N. Y., a cchool room may be used for purpose. The station is usually under the charge of a nurse, and a physician is in attendance at stated hours.

Baby Clinics.

Baby clinics are an almost inevitable outgrowth of the milk stations. It becomes apparent at once that many mothers need advice as to the care of their babies. especially those who are sick. At times the clinic is established by the wholly volunteer services of doctors, who examine every baby presented at the milk station, and weigh it, prescribe its diet, and tell the mother when to bring it back.

Visiting Nurses.

It is the opinion in some cities that visiting nurses, sometimes called "Instructive Visiting Nurses," should take precedence over all other forms of welfare work. The duties of such nurses consist in following up the cases brought to the clinics and in general welfare work in connection with the babies in the congested districts.

Personal Care of Expectant Mothers

Municipalities are just beginning to awaken to the importance of this kind of work and to understand that much of the waste of infant life is due to causes that were operative before the baby was born. Some cities have a special maternity nurse take complete charge of them,

Instructions of Mothers.

Since it is useless to send pure clean milk into a dirty home to be handled by an ignorant mother or older child instrutcion of the mother becomes a necessary feature of the milk station or a part of the duty of the visiting nurse. The instruction is often supplement by public lectures.

Little Mother Leagues.

The value of training school girls who are care-takers of little children in the care of babies is regarded as of immense importance, not only in the improved care which is given to the babies in their charge but in the influnce which it cannot fail t have in the this and the next generations, and prevention of infant mortality in the organization of the "Little Mother Leagues" or "Little Mother Classes" forms an important part of the welfare work in most large cities.

Destruction of Flies.

The house fly as a death distributor is only recently receiving attention it deserves. Flies carry infection not only to exposed milk but directly to the baby's mouth, or to the nipple of its bottle. Insistence upon screens for the baby's rooms and for the baby's bed is a part of the campaign against infant mortality; and the work should go even further than this and should include the destruction of flies by every known method and removal of the breeding places.

Whether or not the stable fly is the only carrier of the germ of infant paralysis it is certainly one, probably the principal carrier. Upon the opening of summer a thorough listing of all horse stables and livery barns, whether public or private, is made by such cities as Seattle and Indianapolis, and complete measures for the control of the fly-breeding places are instituted.

Other Features.

Attention to housing conditions, to the thorough watering of the streets and to the question of fresh air and ventilation is urged and phlets . . dpuyyng ?aaa un dm oY the distribution of circulars, pamphlets, and other printed matter containing advice concerning the care of the baby is considered helpful. Sometimes the circulars are printed in several languages; and in the appendix of the bulletin will be found specimen "Save the Baby" circulars in nearly every necessary language, ready for reproduction.

Birth Registration and Graphic Statement of Births and Deats:

In conclusion of the bulletin advises the city health officials to establish a continuous graphic statement of the births and deaths of babies, kept by means of different colored pins to be placed day by day on a city ward map, and thus keep informed as to the special points of danger; and urges prompt registration of births in order that the baby may be brought under observation as soon as possible.

Marriage Announcement.

We are just in receipt of the announcement, from Rev. and Mrs. W. Bion Adkins, of the marriage of their daughter Miss Lucile Creede to Mr Troy Simpson on Monday, June 30th at the Ninth Street Baptist Church, in our city.

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IMPORTANT RULING BY SUPREME COURT

Ruling of District Judge Goodwin Upheld by Court of Appeals and Supreme Tribunal of State.

Brownwood, June 20.—The case known as the Brown Telephone case, which was appealed from the district court of Brown county, was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Texas yesterday.

This case involved the right of a telephone company to build lines on the streets of a city of less than ten thousand inhabitants, without the consent of the city government. The Brown Telegraph company, a Goldthwaite concern, had a survey of a route and submitted to the City Council of Brownwood and asked the Coucil to approve the plat. or in event any portion of the proposed route was not satisfactory, to suggest such changes as might be desired. The Council refused to approve the route, or to suggest any changes. The telephone company then applied for an injunction to restrain the city officers from prosecuting its employes for setting its poles on the streets, which was granted by Judge Goodwin, and the company then proceeded to build its line into the city.

The city of Brownwood and its officers then proceed to appeal the case to the Court of Civil Appeals where Judge Goodwin's action in granting the injunction was affirmed The City then carried the case to the Supreme Court of Texas, where it was also affirmed.

The action of the Supreme Cout yesterday settles the question in favor of the telephone company, that it has the right to build its lines into the city without the consent of the City Council. A motion for a rehearing may be submitted, after attorneys for the City have had an opportunity to examine the opinion of the court.

This case has been one of not only statewide importance, but the same question is at issue in many other states. The City of Dallas employed the Hon. Horace Chilton to make an argument before the Supreme Court in behalf of the City of Brownwood, because the questions of law involved affected the city of Dallas in the same way as Brown wood, Harison & Wayman and Paul Harrell who was city attorney at the time the case was begun, represented the City of Brownwood and E. B. Anderson of Goidthwaite represented the Brown Telegraph & Telephone company.

Many thought that Judge Goodwin had taken a bold stand in granting injunction, but he Court.

BALLINGER DRUGGIST ELECTED PRESIDENT

Jno. A. Weeks Elected President State Pharmaceutical Association by Convention in Session at Galveston.

The Galveston News of the 18th inst., gives an account of the proceedings of the State Pharmaceutical Association which has been in session in that city this week. The News reports that there are over 400 druggist in the convention, and that the meetings have been interesting and considerable important business passed on.

The most interesting feature of the convention, one that Ballinger people will be pleased to hear, is the election of Jno. A. Weeks as president of the Association. One year ago Mr. Weeks was elected first vice-president, and at the con vention just adjourned he was unanimously elected president, and it is a foregone conclusion among his friends at home that he presides over that body with ease and dignity. This is an honor well bestowed, and his many friends at Ballinger congratulate Mr. Weeks on his election.

The Galveston News in giving an account of the convention carries a picture of Mr. Weeks, as well as the other newly elected officers of the association.

AUTO'S VICTIM IS AWARDED DAMAGES

Brownwood, June 19.—The jury in the auto damage suit of G. L. Bowden against Dr. T. F. Nanny returned a verdict late this afternoon assessing damages in favor of Bowden for $1250 Bowden sued for $10,000. alleging permanent injury to his wife, who, while driving in her buggy was knocked to the ground by Dr. Nanny's auto, driven by Mrs. Nanny. Dr. Nanny will appeal the case.

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Want Better Sanitary Laws For Protection of Farmers

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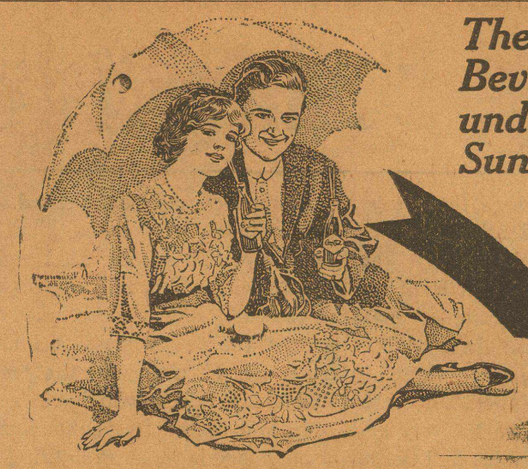
When human life is prized as highly as our financial interest it will be longer and better. Swat the fly is the slogan used now, but it is used mostly in towns and cities. The reason it is used there more possibly, is because they have sanitary laws that compel them to swat him.

When our law making body realize the value of the human life they will pass sanitary laws that will cause the country people to fight the filthy fly as hard as our city brother. It is said God created all things but I believe the Devil had a hand in creating the fly. He must have put the finishing touch on him. Today man is creating them by the millions. The only way to fight them succesfully is to remove thir place of hibernation. One fly can raise more in one day than man can trap in a year. It is an established fact that most of our diseases are traced to a germ and flies, mosquiters and other vermin are their traveling agents. A young man walked in a resturant at a small town, not long since to get his dinner while eating it a fly lit on a sore on his hand and in three hours that hand had grown to twice its natural size, blood poison set up and he came near loosing his hand besides loosing three months work right in the busiest season of the year. The fly is no respecter of persons, he will quitely settle himself on the most fastidious person, butter and bread and proceed to unload his filth while he gathers something good. He can't raise his young on anything thats clean, but he will eat it. It seems to me that a universal fight on the fly and laws enacted to cause their destruction should appeal very strongly to the bald headed man. It is said that the free society for bald heads have a plan on foot they think will, if carried out, prove very beneficial to them it is to paint a big spider on the place where hair once grew, but methinks that society like all others is confronted with this drawback. They won't stick. In the long ago people lived to be five hundred years old and further on down the average life was three hundred, then one hundred. Now it is thirty-three. What will it be in a few more decades? Some states have laws prohibiting people with weak minds, marrying. They are required to show up their pedigree in short. They have to show up a complete geneology. I'm going to say this is a fine thing and the time is not far distant, when this will be a general practice and the time is not far distant when we will have very stringent sainitary laws and they will reach the man in the country, inspectors will be on the move to help guard human life. There we will be making a step to longiviety. People have as good right to live a hundred years now as they ever did. They have brought themselves short lives, by negligence and ignorance.

CORRESPONDENT.



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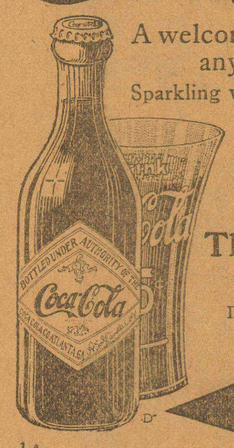

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Ballinger's First Cotton Gin Built in 1888---Ginned 88 Bales

In the fall of 1888, two years after Ballinger was placed on the map, and many years before the cotton grower in the black land belt and the swamps of other states, even dreamed of the wonderful possibilities to be made out of cheap West Texas land in growing that great money crop of the South Chas. S. Miller and his brother W. J., came to the rescue of the few scattering farmers in this county and built the first gin ever built in Runnels county. That gin stands today near the flour mill but has long since been abandoned to give place to modern machinery that has been invented since the early days of cotton growing in Runnels county.

Messrs. Miller ginned 88 bales the first season, and in 1889 they ginned about 300 bales and in 1900 500 bales. By this time cotton growing was attracting the attention of others, and farmers began to settle in this county, and other gins were built in the county, and cotton growing soon had the cowman looking for cheaper grass, and the receipts rapidly increased each year until the good year of 1906 when 35,525 bales were ginned in the county, and Ballinger alone receiving 54,000 bales, 15,000 more bales than the county produced. That was in the palmy days, when the Ballinger trade territory extended from Menard, 65 miles on the South to Hylton 45 miles on the North. For several months during the cotton season the right-of-way of the Santa Fe through the town was covered with cotton, and at one time there was over ten thousand bales of cotton being held here until cars could be secured to transport it to the compress, the Ballinger compress having been up to that time only an ornament

Prosperity brought about by the splendid crops, attracted new enterprises, and among the most aggressive to get into this county and share in the prosperity at the expense of the citizens who divided with bonus committee, was the railroads. This of course cut the trade territory and little cotton markets soon claimed a part of the Runnels county crop, and the receipts dropped off following the big year 1906.

Since 1906 the cotton acreage in Runnels county has just about doubled, and with another good year, which ever indication promises this year to be, the largest cotton yield in the history of the county will be made It is estimated that with a yield per acre to equal that of 1906 the county will produce at least 60,000 bales. At the prevailing price this would give Runnels county dirt another boost that several drouths could not over come.

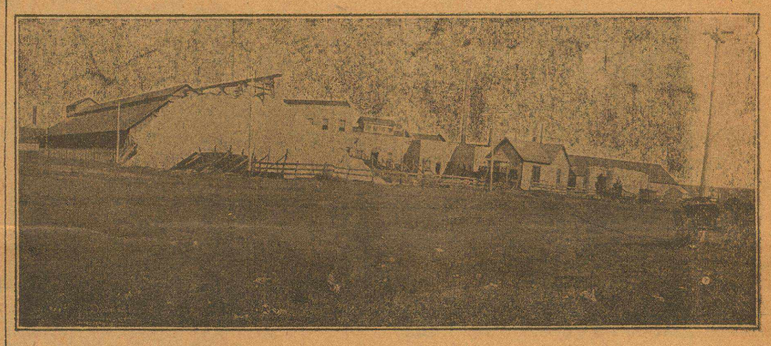
Cotton being a drouth resistent crop it is adapted to this climate and the county being free from insects so common in a cotton country, the crop can be made here much easier and at much less expense than in the black land and old cotton belt of the East. It is only necessary to chop cotton here one time, and after being chopped to a stand it is cultivated with a sulky cultivator, and one man can cultivate more than three or four men can cultivate in the old states and in the territory where crabgrass thrives.

In late years farmers have been curtailing their cotton acreage and devoting more land and labor to raising something to eat and to stock raising However in spite of this Runnels county is an important county in making up the total cotton receipts of the state.

The farmer who feels that he must raise cotton to make a living and who wants to enjoy good health and get as much for his labor and a bigger investment on his money can not find a better country than Runnels county. He can produce as much cotton here on half as much investment and half as much labor as he can in the old cotton producing land of the East. He may not pick as much per acre but can cultivate more acres and he can buy these acres at a ratio of about three and four to one when compared with the price of the old cotton belt Cotton growing has long since been proven a sucessful crop for this county, and yet the industry in the county is in its infancy.



Runnels County Cotton Patch



Converting Runnels County Cotton Seed Into Useful Products.

TO THE VOTERS OF RUNNELS COUNTY

I cordially solicit you to vote for Amendment to Sections 49 and 52 of Article No. 3 of the Constitution of Texas, and in doing so hereby explain what the amendment means.

It means development of the University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College. It would permit the legislature to enact a law providing for the issuance of bonds to erect necessary buildings now urgently needed at these instituions. The bonds would be taken care of by the income of the permanent endowment of the University. Without cost to the taxpayers of the State. More than 5000 students are enrolled each year in these two institutions. Additional buildings are imperatively demanded and Texas cannot aford longer to delay their construction. The State constitution at present prohibits appropriations for University buildings and many lawyers, one governor among them have held that this prohibition applies to A. & M. College buildings.

It means improvement of the College of Industrial Arts and the four State Normal Schools It would give the Legislature power to provide for the immediate needs of these schools by the issuance of bonds for the erection of permanent fire proof buildings. More than 3500 young men and young women attend these institutions each year, returning to their communities as homemakers and as teachers of our children.

The construction of buildings by this method distributes the payment over several years for those deriving benefits employing approved business principles now used in erecting courthouses, school houses and other public buildings. The Agricultural and Mechanical College buildings could also be provided under this clause, and the discretion of the legislature.

Neither these two nor any other provisions affect the Constitutional relation of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and the University.

It means a better penitentiary sytem. It would empower the legislature to authorize, if necessary, the issuance of bonds for permanent improvements at the State penitentiary. These bonds would be taken care of by the income from the penitentiary farms, without cost to the taxpayers of the State. The recent fires indicate the economical waste and the danger to human life of temporary buildings.

It means protection and market for farm products. It would give the legislature power to authorize the isuance of bonds by any county or other political subdivision of the State for construction of warehouses for farm products, the total value of which in Texas each year exceeds $400,000,000. In every instance the issuance of such bonds would be decided by a vote of the taxpaying citizens in a local election.

It means construction of good roads. It would authorize the legislature to enact more liberal laws for the construction of good roads by bond issues. This question would at all times be decided by a vote of the taxpaying citizens in a local election.

A vote for this amendment is a vote for the educational, agricultural and civic needs of Texas.

Respectfully,
VICTOR MILLER.

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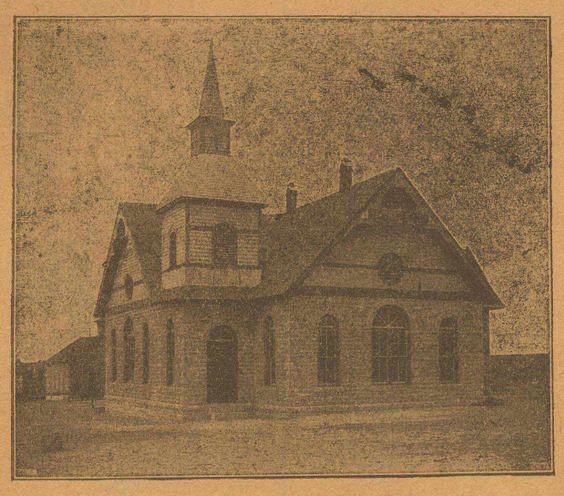
Ballinger and Runnels County a Pleasant Place

It is an old adage that says, "The birds of a feather flock together," and perhaps that accounts for the fact that Ballinger has attracted the very best class of citizenship since the first tent pegs were driven here by those big hearted, broad minded, hospitable pioneers who blazed the way and suffered the hardships and the inconveniences that others might follow, live happy, prosperous lives and enjoy the fruits of a wonderful land.

It is true that there were many would be "toughs" and "bad men from Bitter creek" here on the 29th day of June, 1886, when the lot sale that placed Ballinger on the map as a home of true American was held. This is true of every frontier town but fortunately in laying the foundation of Ballinger as a place for happy homes for the generations to come, the big hearted American was here to set in motion an influence that is felt today and an influence that has been instrumental in the making of the cleanest county in Texas.



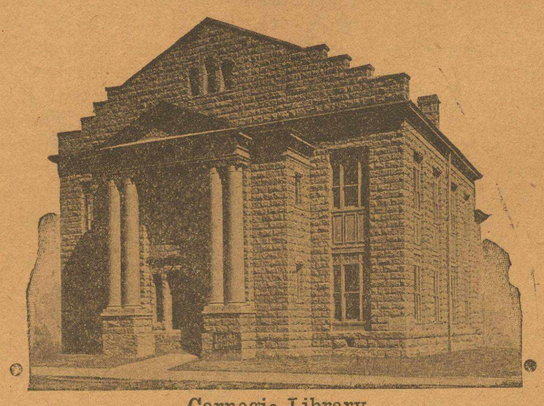
8th Street Presbyterian Church.

Ballinger was in its seventh year when the writer landed here, and we know from actual experience that it was the steady hand of the law abiding citizens, the citizen who loved home, and was not afraid to stand for those things that made for the right, did their work well in building a Ballinger that today has a reputation for being the most moral town in Texas in proportion to its population. Notwithstanding that the county has a population of over twenty thousand people, it has been over fifteen years since murder has been committed within the county. It is true that there have been two or three homicides, but no man has been sentenced to the pen for murder from this county in many years. This county has fewer criminal cases on the court dockets of any county in Texas, population considered.

There is an environment here that makes for the good of all mankind. The people are noted for their hospitality, and neighborly kindness. No man is allowed to suffer here for food or clothing, and that strife that so often divides people of a community into sets and classes does not prevail in Runnels county.

Runnels county homes stand today as monuments to the pioneer settlers of this county. That high-class of citizenship that came here in the early day has continued to attract the better class of immigrants on down through the years and the children who have been born and reared to manhood and womanhood here, know nothing of that selfish spirit that makes discontent and unhappy lives of those who make up this county. Our people are clever, friendly, and when one once makes his home here long enough to become acquainted with our people, it is with reluctance and much regret that the yields to business demands that might cause him to move his abode to another place.

From a civic standpoint just as much can be said. Ballinger is noted for its beautiful homes, its substantial business houses, its clean streets, parks and beautiful yards. The unlimited supply of splendid water makes it possible for the home loving people to beautify their premises, and demonstrate in a way their civic pride that attracts the attention of the visitors to our town and the thousands of travelers that come our way every year. It can not be said that Ballinger is a wealthy town. From the early days to the present time the man of moderate means has predominated, and the wealth of this county has perhaps been more evenly distributed than in any county in Texas. This within itself makes impossible that breach that might divide people, and the equal financial standing of the majority of its citizen is no doubt to some extent responsible for that brotherly feeling that exists between men. Yet there are many comfortable and substantial, and we might say, costly homes in Ballinger. It has ever been the desire of our citizenship that we build for happiness, and cultivate home surroundings that will attract our children, and in doing this civic pride has played well its part.



Carnegie Library

Her Public Schools.

From and educational standpoint Runnels county also occupies a place right at the top of the column of Texas counties In fact Runnels county stands fourth in point of school buildings. There are three Independent School Districts in the county, with school terms of nine and ten months in the year. In the common schools of the county there are over eighty teachers, with school terms of six and seven months The census just taken shows that the county has more than 4000 school children and of this number there are only eight colored children.

The Ballinger Independent School District is divided in three wards—The Central school, the West End school and the South Ballinger school. in all four modern stone buildings costing in the neighborhood of fifty thousand dollars. The city school employs twenty teachers, also music, art and physical culture teachers. The high school is affiliated with the State University, and each year a number of young men and ladies complete their study in the high school course and are awarded with diplomas—there being fifteen graduates at the close of the last term.

On account of the climate, perfect sanitary conditions, there are perhaps fewer absentees throughout each term on account of sickness in the Ballinger schools than in any school in Texas. It is seldom that a school in this county is suspended on account of sickness. A number of families move here and spend the school term for the benefit of the public schools. and at the close of school returned to their ranches in this and other counties where they spend the vacation. If you are hunting for an ideal place to educate your children you can find in Ballinger every educational advantage.

Her Churches

Twenty-seven years ago next Sunday, June 29th, Ballinger was a town of tents, all classes—the rich and the poor, and while there was not a building in which to meet and held religious services, the people were not forgetful of the protecting care of God. and they came together in the open air and in an important way planted the gospel here that has grown with the town, and today, every demonination of any consequence is represented here with an organization, and there are ten church buildings in the town: two Baptist, two Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian, Episcopal, Nazarine, Catholic, and German Methodist. Other denominations which hold service here are the Lutherans, Church of Christ. Most of the churches maintain a Sunday school with a total enrollment of several hundred.

Social Circles

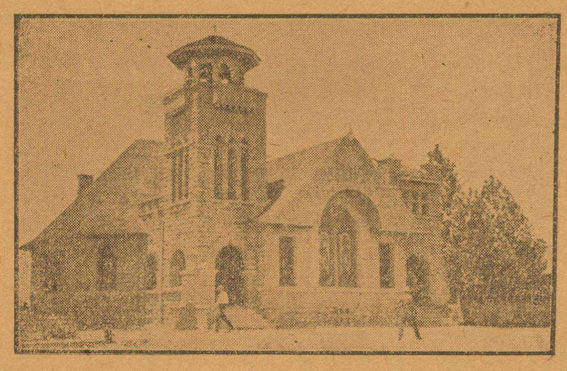
Ballinger is not short on sacial ition will work behind plate glass ber of various clubs, including the Ballinger Club with a membership of over one hundred. The Ballinger Atheletic Club, with a gymnasium equipment that is a credit to the young men of that organization. The young ladies maintain a number of clubs, and meet from week to week in making merry and cultivating a social element that is both entertaining and elevating to the coming generation.

Ballinger a Lodge Town.

Fraternal brotherhood is as strong here as in any town in Texas of the same size, and nearly every night in the week is taken up with lodge meetings, some of the nights have as many as two or three lodges in session. Perhaps the strongest fraternal organization is that of the Woodmen, with a membership of over two hundred The K of P. lodge is also a vigrous fraternal organization. The Modern Woodmen, Odd Fellows, Masons, Sons of Hermann, and others are maintained, and all are doing a good work towards making Ballinger good citizens

No county in Texas affords better opportunities for the man who is looking for a place to settle down and raise his family. We have room for more good people. and a hearty welcome awaits you.

Hello girls at San Diego exposition will work behind plaee glass where every motion in operating a huge telephone exchange may be seen day and night.



First Baptist Church.

Ballinger A Sanitary Town
Ballinger a Well Lighted Town.
Ballinger a Town of Paved Streets

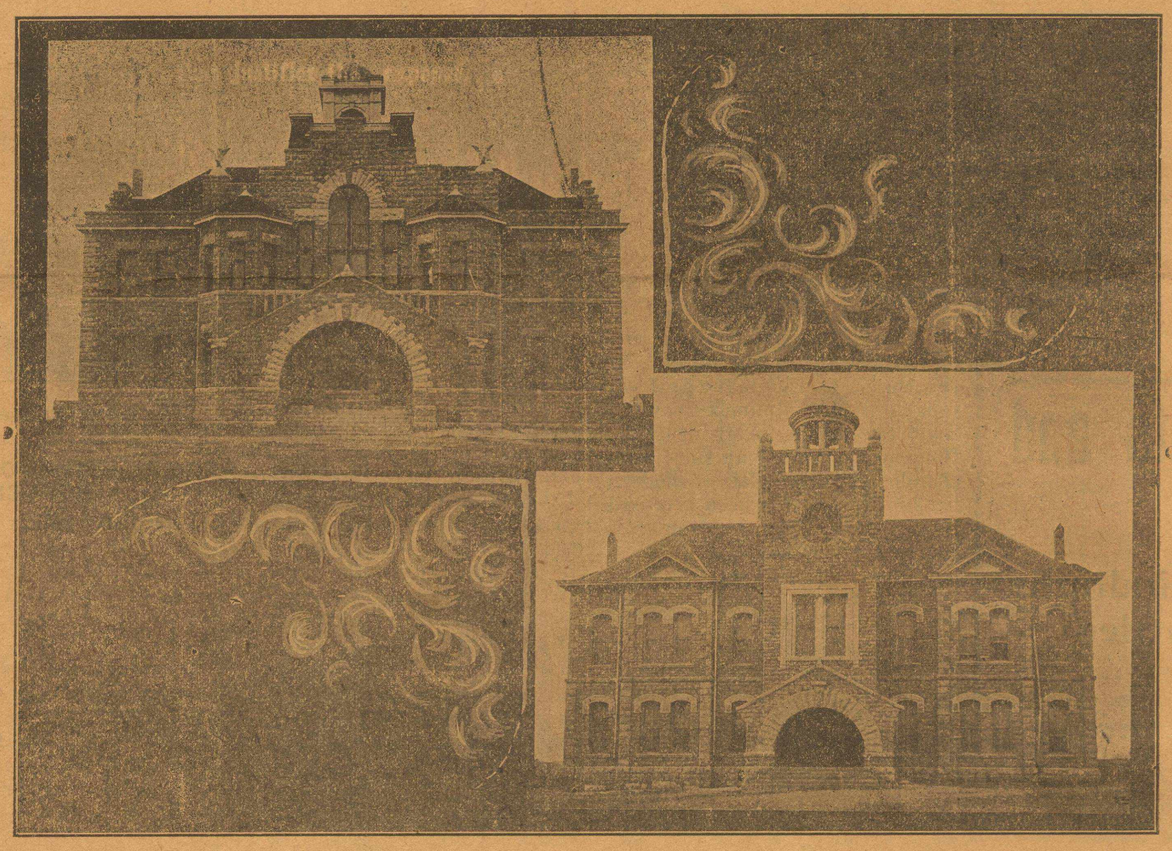
Three or four years ago a private company was organized for the purpose of installing in Ballinger a sanitary sewerage system. That was a long step in sanitary improvements for Ballinger. The business district was first supplied with sewerage conveniences, and the sewerage mains extended to the residence section, and today few towns in Texas much larger than Ballinger can boast of a better sewerage system, one that gives better satisfaction. On account of the sewerage system being in the hands of private individuals the law regulating its use is not complied with as it should be and there are many citizens who are within reach of the mains that are not complying with the law. It is to be hoped that the city will take over the system and enforce the law governing such matters. However. there is no complaint to be made in this respect in the bus iness district.

Ballinger is one of few towns of its size that can boast of paved streets, that is more thoroughly provided with cement side walks. The many miles of cement side walks and the beautiful yards give Ballinger an air that places it in a class to itself in the list of small Texas towns.

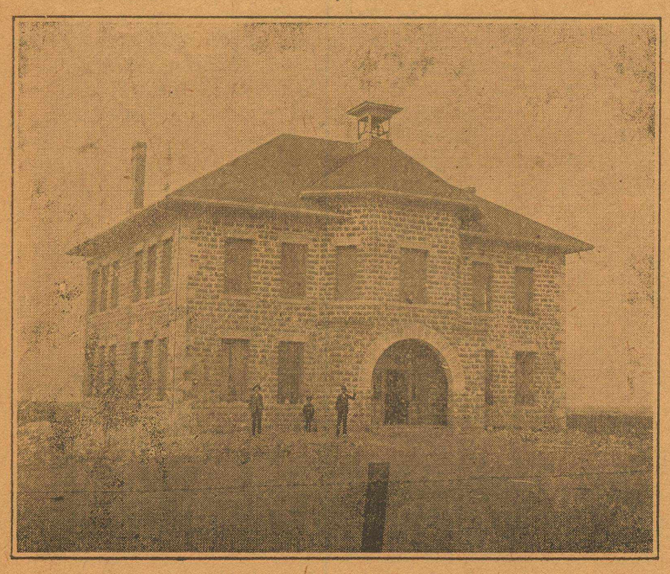
Ballinger is also like a town built on a hill, and one that has not its candle under a bushel. The business section is illuminated by night with large arc lights. and the residence section is supplied with street lights that guides the stranger, or that is of no mean h elp in guiding the boys who some times keep late hours. Ballinger is a well lighted town.

DELIGHTED WITH BALLINGER

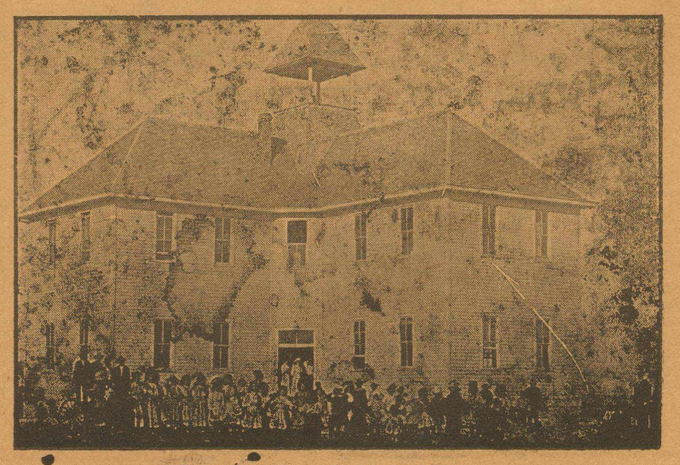
P. W. Collier of Denton county, who had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. L. Miller and family the past few weeks left for his home Thursday afternoon. Mr. Collier reports a very pleasant visit in our city and says he never saw a more clever, hospitable and neighborly class of people anywhere in Texas than he found here, not a sorry scrub in the entire lot, and says it is the cleanest little city in the state. He was also surprised to find no street loafers as a job was open for every body who cares to work, no paupers and no millionaires, and says he is truly glad his daughter and family have been so fortunate in casting their lot with these hospitable citizens.



Ballinger's Central School Buildings



Ballinger Ward School.



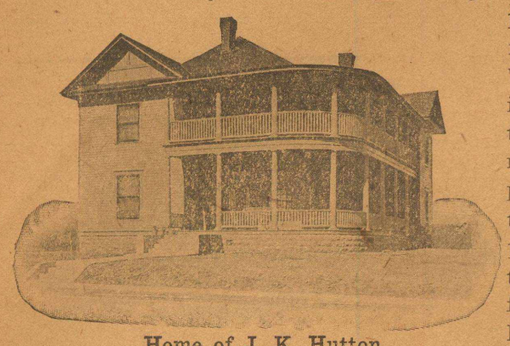
A Runnels County School House.

to Make Your Home, Live and Raise Your Family

WHAT CIVIC ENTERPRISE Has DONE For BALLINGER

Visitors to Ballinger are often hear d to comment most favorably on Ballinger's civic enterprise. Ballinger was among the first towns in Texas to wage a campaign for beautifying its p arks, its streets and the private yards, and today the results of that work can be seen on every hand.

The Santa Fe joined hands with Ballinger and built one of the most expensive passengerstations to be found in any small town in Texas. The building alone cost in the neighborhood of thirty thousand dollars, and it is surrounded by one of the prettiest parks in Texas. This is maintained by a man who is employed bythe Santa Fe, and the city furnishes the water for irrigating the flowers and lawn.



Home of J. K. Hutton

The county also encouraged the public improvement spirit that prompted the citizens to build for a more beautiful town, and aided by the city the county maintains a pretty court house park that is a credit to th e entire county. In the last few years the yard fences along the streets have been removed, the yards terraced up and many yards in the city today pres ent a park like appearance and attract the attention of all who travel our st reets.

The last ten years has witnessed a wonderful change in the appearance of the town by the beautifying of the yards and the public parks, and the money spent in this derection has been money well spent, and others are profiting by the experience of those who have gone before.

Modern and Substantial Homes

There are few tenants in Ballinger, the greater majority of the people owning their homes. Notwithstanding th at Ballinger is handicapped by the high price of lumber, being so far awa y from the mills that the freight on lumber makes it come high, other build ing material can be bought here as cheap as any where, and in the early days when lots were cheap, the early settlers built substantial homes, that are today monuments of the early enterprise that predominated. Ballinger is built on a solid foundation, and in some instances sufficient building stone has been quarred from the basement to build the house. This stone is of a v aluable quality desirable for building purposes, and practically all the busin ess houses are built with this stone. Ballinger homes are modern in design and are built for comfort and are occupied by home loving peo ple. Ballinger is not a manufacturing town, and its population are not what are generally termed transient people, and are permanent citizens. This being the case the great majority own their homes, and landlords are limited to few in number. The citizenship being made up of a home-owning and home-loving people civic pride prevails. To encourage work along civic lines the city furnishes free water to irrigate trees and flowers planted along the streets just outside of the private yards.



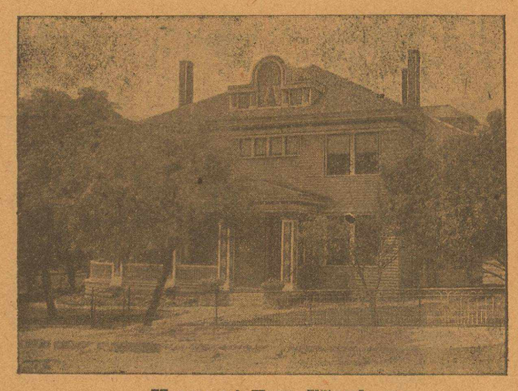
Home of Jno. I. Guion.



Homes of—
Chas. S. Miller,
Mrs. Isaac Vancil
H. Giesecke
R. T Williams
Mrs R. A Smith
E. D. Walker.

PROMINENT LADY IMPRESSED WITH BALLINGER

Before returning to her home in Austin last week, Mrs. F. C. G. Iglehart, one of the most prominent authors in the South, in conversation with the writer, said many nice things about B allinger hospitality. Mrs. Iglehart was here on a visit to her nephew, W. E. Chambers. It was her first visit to Ballinger, and she said she was most agreeably surprised to find such a modern little city. She was taken for a drive over the town, and she said the clean streets, clean yards, and the gen eral apearance of both the business and residence section impressed h e r with the fact that this was the cleanest and most substantially built li tle city she had ever had the pleasure of visiting, and Mrs. Inglehart has traveled a great deal. She also spoke in the most complimentary terms of the hospitality of the Ballinger people, and when she left she went away feeling glad that she had visited Ballinger and become acquainted with some of her citizens and renewed old acquaintances.



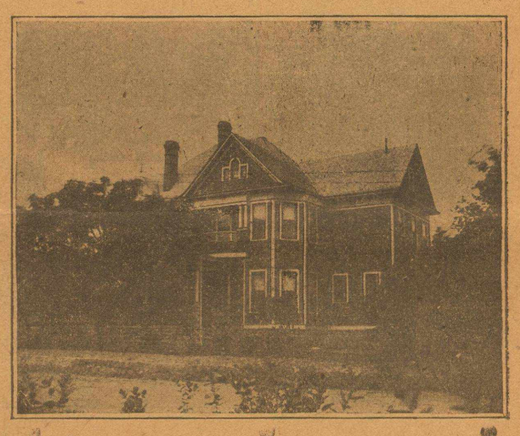
Home of Tom Ward

Mrs. Iglehart took occasion to say a word for the proposed Catholic school before she left. She said she was not a Catholic, but she knew a great deal about the Catholics, and their schools and she stated that a Catholic school would be a great help to Ballinger both morally and financially. The school that was destroyed by fire at San An gelo some time ago, will not be built at that place, and the Catholics are seek ing a new location some where in this part of the state. They have made Bal linger a proposition, and at one time matters were being shaped up to accept the proposition, but the reverses caused the matter to be dropped.

We feel sure that Mrs. Iglehart's expressions about the opinion she had of Ballinger were sincere, and such is t he case with many visitors who come this way. Those who live here do not know how to appreciate the advantages Ballinger offers for the man who wants a happy hom e.

Our County Homes.

Don't get the idea that all beautiful and comfortable homes in this county are located in Ballinger This is not true, and many country homes in the country all over Runnels county, show the enterprising spirit of our citizenship among the farmers. A trip through Runnels county reveals to the traveler farm homes that have most every convenience that is afforder in town. Many country homes are equipped with complete water works system, windmills, pumping the water into elevated tanks and from there the water is piped to the house, the yard, the garden and the lot.



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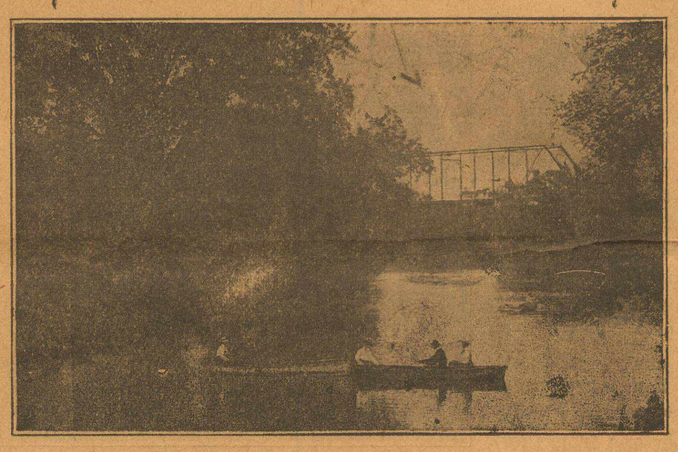
On The Banks of The Beautiful Colorado River

For many years before the present site of Ballinger was marked for a beautiful town the Indians inhabited the valleys, bends and bluffs of the Colorado river, and this stream which is noted all over the Southland for the splendid sport it affords the man with the reel and rod, in the early days no doubt furnished sport for the Red men, who in primitive way caused this home of the finny tribe to give up its big "yaller cat," and other of its meat supply. Along the banks of this beautiful stream can be found also small forest comprising elm, pecan and other trees. The pecan furnished mass for squirrels, and other game that were plentiful even up to a few short years ago. The breaks and bluffs were the homes of the Mexican lion, panther, wild cat, and numerous other wild animals in the pioneer days, and when the cattlemen first blazed the way for civilization, and the latter coming of the man with the hoe, it was the wild animals along the Colorado river that caused great loss to the live-stock interest, and also made it dangerous for man who went unprotected. Times have changed.

The founders of Ballinger no doubt realized the importance of water in the making of a city, and they selected the location between two splendid streams, Elm creek on the East and Colorado river on the West. Today the town extends from the banks of Elm creek on the East to beyond the Colorado river on the West, the river flowing almost through the heart of the town. For several miles up and down this beautiful stream many happy outing parties spend the pleasant summer days in camp, and people for many miles come to Ballinger and fit up camping outfits and spend their vacation on the banks of the Colorado. Today it is no uncommon sight to see parties coming in with their hacks and buggies loaded with fish, ranging in weight from two to twenty-five pounds and frequently fifty pounders are landed. No interior town in the state can boast of better fishing than Ballinger.



Normal Flow of Colorado River a t Ballinger.

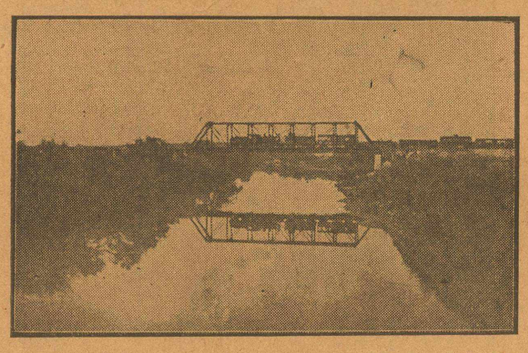


Pleasant Past Time on Colorado at Ballinger, Texas

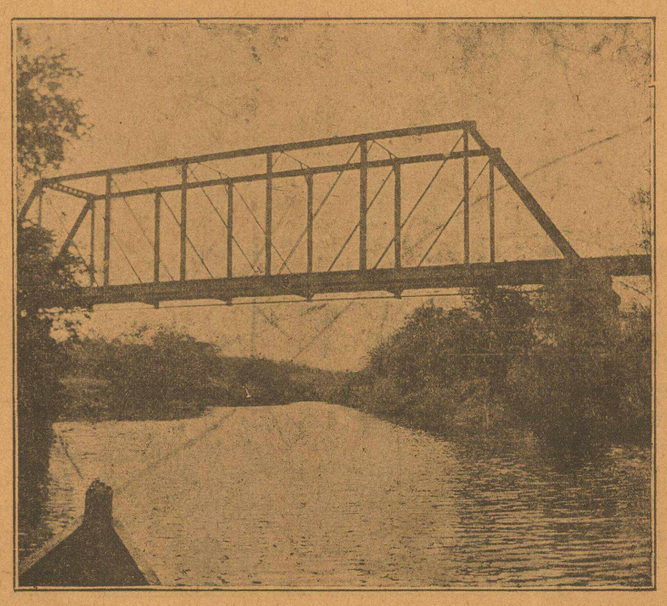
The quiet, cool and cozy nooks along the Colorado have furnished the environment that have made for better or for worse the future of hundreds of young men and women. In other words "Lover's lane and Lover's retreat" are the handiwork of the creater that can be seen along the banks of this beautiful stream.

The Colorado river is 605 miles long and drains an area of 45,400 square miles. Only in recent years has there been any improvement work done, or any effort made to utilize its wonderful possibilities. Although efforts have from time to time to get the government to carry out a system of improvements that will open the river down near the gulf to navigation. In recent years moves have been put on foot and are being rapidly worked out for the storing of the flood waters of the stream for irrigation, and within our own county during the last three years irrigation from its waters by pump ing have proven profitable and are being more extensively used each year. On account of the rapid fall of this river it is very seldom that the flood waters reach a point to where they damage property by overflows, and on account of the great length of the river the normal flow of the river is sufficient to supply water for many cities and for irrigating thousands of acres.

Fortunate indeed is the city that is built on the banks of the beautiful Colorado river.



Santa Fe Bridge Spanning Colorado River at Ballinger.



County Bridge Colorado River at Ballinger.

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In Runnels county there are 24 persons of Irish decent and of this number 6 were born in Ireland and later moved to Texas and 18 have parents that were both born in Ireland.

The Federal Census Reports, which have just been issued, show that in 1910 there were 5,355 persons living in Texas that were born in Ireland and 7,752 residents of this State are of Irish parentage.

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1. Where is the fly born? In manure and filth.
2. Where does the fly live? In every kind of filth
3. Is anything too filthy for the fly to eat? No.
4. (a) Where does he go when he leaves a surface closet and the manure pile and the spittoon? Into the kitchen and dining room
(b) What does he do there? He walks on the bread, fruit and on the vegetables. He wipes his feet on the butter and bathes in the milk.
5. Does the fly visit the patient sick with typhoid fever, consumption and cholera infantum He does—and he may call on you the next time.
6. Is the fly dangerous? He is man's worst pest. and the more dangerous than wild beasts or the rattlesnakes.
7. What disease does the fly carry? He carries typhoid fever, consumption and summer complaint. How? On his wings and hairy feet. What is his correct name? Typhoid fly.
8. Did he ever kill anyone? He killed more American soldiers during the Spanish - American war than did the bullets of the Spaniards.
9. Where are the greatest number of cases of typhoid fever, consumption and summer complaint? Where there are the most flies
10. Where are the most flies? Where there is the most filth
11. Why should we kill the fly? Because he may kill us.
12. When shall we kill the fly? Kill him before he gets wings—kill him when he is a maggot in the manure pile—kill him in the egg state.
13. How? Keep the stable dry and clean and don't allow any mauure to stay on the premises longer than one week. Have all filth and trash removed or destroyed once a week.
14. If your neighbor fails to comply with these rules and allows flies to breed on his premises to visit you, screen your doors and windows and keep them out.—Selected.

NEW LIGHT ON ALAMO.

San Antonio, Tex., June 18.—New light was shed on the battle of the Alamo by Governor Colquitt here today . The famous "last stand" of the Alamo defenders says the governor, "was made in the long court yard of the fort and not in the chapel as history and tradition have said and as Texans have long popularly believed.

The governor said he would give some lectures in the state to "reliably inform the people concerning the fight."

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Whereas, on the 12th day of May 1913, the Commissioners Court of Runnels County, Texas, under and by virtue of Article 3384, Title 69, of Sales Civil Statutes, ordered an election to be held on the 28th day of May, 1913, at each and all the voting places within the limits of Runnels County, Texas, to determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited within the limits of said Runnels County, Texas, and

Whereas on the 28th day of May 1913, in pursance of said order of said Commissioners' Court, an election was so held at each and all of said voting places within the limits of said Runnels County, to so determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquor should be prohibited within the limits of said Runnels County, Texas, be it,

Therefore remembered that in pursuance of the aforesaid article and title of said statutes the Commissioners' Court of said Runnels County Texas, on this the 9th day of June, 1913, in special session assembeled for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the votes cast at said election have this day canvassed the returins of the votes cast at said election aforesaid for the purpose aforesaid and find the total number of votes cast at said election were 2295 and that there were cast for prohibition 1195 votes" and that there were cast against prohibition 1100 votes and prohibition having received a majority of 95 votes at said elec tion, we, the Commissioners' Court aforesaid, declare the result of sai election that prohibition carried.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by this court that the sale of intoxicating liquors within the limits of Runnels County, Texas, be and the same is hereby absolutely prohibited except for the purposes and under the regulations specified in said Title 69 of Sayles Texas Civil Statutes, until such time as the qualified voters of said Runnels county may at a legal election held for the purpose, by a majority vote decide otherwise.

M. KLEBERG, Jr.,
County Judge.
FEB McWILLIAMS,
Commissioner Prect. No. 1.
EDGAR JAYROE,
Commissioner Prect. No. 2.
J. M. ADAMS,
Commissioner Prect. No. 3.
C. N. CRAFT,
Commissioner Prect. No. 4.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runnels,

I, O. L. Parish, Clerk of County Court ,and ex-Officio Clerk Commissioners Court, Runnels County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of the order passed by the Commissioner's Court of said county declaring the result of the Local Option election held in Runnels county, on May 28th, 1913, which said order is entered in the minutes of said court in book 5, page 320.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Commissioners court of Runnels county ,Texas, on this 18th day of June, 1913.

(Seal)

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Mid-Summer Good Road's Congress

Notice is hereby given that a Mid-Summer Good Road's Congress will be held in the City of Corpus Christi, July 10, 1913, under the auspices of the Texas Good Road's Association.

Corpus Christi was selected for this meeting by the officers and executive Committee of the Association after considering the claims of a number of other coast cities, because of the growing interest in the improvements of the public highways in that section of the state, because of the splendid inducements offered, and because of the superior advantages for the pleasure combined with profit Ample hotel accomodations have been guaranteed and the full assurance given by the city and county authorities and the Commercial Club that the fullest possible co-operation will be given to make the meeting the greatest of its kind ever held in the South.

The press. the railways, city and county officials, commercial, industrial and civic organizations, as well as all others in the sate who are interested in the great question of the improvement of the public highways of Texas, are earnestly requested to lend their full cooperation to the Texas Good Road Association in making this midsummer congress the greatest of all gatherings of its kind that has ever been held inthe state, and one that will give a great impetue to the improvement of roads in Texas

Mayors of cities, county judges, presidents of commercial clubs, all highway leagues, women's clubs, farmers' organizations of evehy kind, labor organizations, educational institutions and all other bodies interested in the development of Texas, are urged to appoin delegates to attend this session of the congress

The question of the improvement of the public highways is one in which the entire citizenship of Texas is interested.. It involves the happiness of the home; the education of the youth and the material prosperity of our great commonwealth. For these and other reasons all the organizations named, as well as all others that have for their aim the upbuilding of the state, should be interested in making this congress a great success.

Some important legislation with reference to the improvement of the public highways of Texas may be considered at the special session of the Thirty-Third Legislature, and one of the aims of the Mid-Summer Good Road's Congress is to give expression as to the nature of legislation that will be of the greatest benefit to the people of Texas

All citizens of tre state are now earnestly requester to aid the Texas Good Road's Congress in making this meeting an epoch making occasion for the cause of good and better roads in Texas

Respectfuily submitted,
TEXAS GOOD ROAD'S ASSOCIATION,
John W. Warren, President.
Homer D. Wade, Secretary.

TO THE GOOD ROADS PEOPEOPLE OFF TEXAS

On behalf of the city of Corpus Chriti, County of Nueces, and the citizenship of both, we beg to extend a most cordial invitation to attend the Mid-Summer Good Road's Congress, to be held in Corpus Christi July 10th, 11th and 12th 1913.

With two magnificient hotels and with other hotel accomodations the equal of any city many times our size, with our many resort and pleasure features, we know that the meeting will be one of much pleasure as well as profit and we promise to put forth every possible effort to make the event one of the greatest importance from all standpoints.

An election for bond issue of one half million dollars for the improvement of our county highways has been called for July 19th, and we are sure that your presence will be of material aid in carrying this election

Trusting that the Good Road's enthusiasts of Texas will accept this invitation and again assuring you of a most cordial reception and urging you to remain within our gates during this meeting and very much longer if possible, we are,

Yours very truly,
WALTER F. TIMON,
County Judge, Nueces County.
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Plaintiff prays judgement aginst the defendant Jo Wilmeth for the amount due on his said notes, together with a foreclosure of his vendor's lien on the above described real estate as against all defendants herein, and for general relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 2 day of June A. D. 1913.

MARY PHILLIPS, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 6-4tw

FOR BETTER ROADS

BUILDING OF PUBLIC ROADS

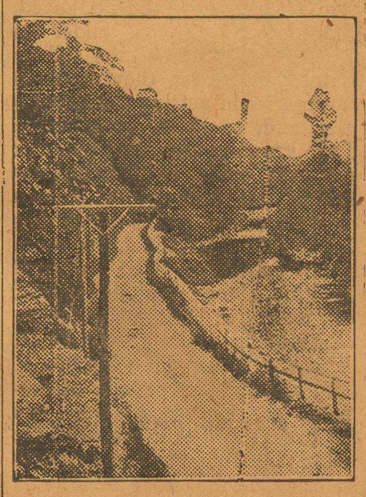
Old Idea That Highways Should Be Constructed and Maintained by Farmer Is Disappearing.

That the movement for federal participation in highways construction is not confined to motorists, but is also being agitated by the farmers, is one of the most hopeful indications of its ultimate success.

On this point the recent convention of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, the oldest and most influential of the farmers' organizations, took a decidedly favorable stand. Hon. Oliver Wilson, Master of the National Grange, in his annual address stated:

"The public highway is a matter of general concern. The old idea that the country road should be constructed and maintained by the farmer has disappeared. It is now recognized that good roads are of as much importance to the consumer as to the producer, as anything that lessens the cost of transportation is a benefit to the consumer.

"The Grange stands for and advocates federal aid for road improvement. There can be no good reason given why the government should not appropriate money for the maintaining and the improving of the public highway, the same as for our public



Good Road Along Tioga River.

water works. Seventy-five per cent of the product of our country must pass over the public highway before it can be transported over our railway or water systems. While the government has spent millions of dollars for highway improvement in our foreign possessions, it has never appropriated one dollar to be used on the highway in continental United States.

"The Grange membership is unanimously in favor of congress making suitable appropriations for highway construction and maintenance. This appropriation should be expended by a national highway commission or board, working in conjunction with similar commissions from the states.

"The legislative committee of the National Grange should be instructed to use all the influence of the Grange upon congress for the passage of a bill appropriating a sufficient sum under proper regulations for the improvement of our public highways."

HIGH VALUE OF GOOD ROADS

Sufficient to Justify Construction as Rapidly as Possible Under Economical System.

No one questions the statement that good roads have a high money value to the farmers of the nation, and it may be said that this alone is sufficient to justify the cost of their construction as rapidly as practicable under an efficient, economical equitable system of highway improvement.

The big point in favor of this expenditure is the economy of time and force in transportation between farm and market, enabling the growers to take advantage of fluctuations in buying and selling, as well as enhancing the value of real estate. It is estimated that the average annual loss from poor roads is 76 cents an acre, while the estimated average increase resulting from improving all the public roads is $9.

The losses in five years would aggregate $2,432 for every section of land, or more than enough to improve two miles of public highway. The necessity of good roads is obvious, as is would enhance the value of each section of land about $5,760, or more than double the estimated cost of two miles of improved highway, which constitutes the quota for 640 acres of land.

Making of Mudholes.

For want of a good culvert, several rods of road is often converted into a mudhole and remains a mudhole until the sun and wind dry it up. It is poor policy to do a good piece of road grading, then spoil it by neglecting the culverts.

Benefits Universal.

Good roads benefit every class and every section.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT



TAXPAYERS URGE GOOD ROADS

Representatives of Both Town and Country Vote in Favor of Tax to Create a State Fund.

There never has been in the past so much discontent over the discomfort of traveling over mud roads as there is at the present time. While it it well known that the making of hard roads in communities where there is no hard material must involve an enormous expense, yet more and more taxpayers are expressing a willingness to be taxed for permanent roads. This was plainly indicated at a road conference held in Des Moines, Ia., where 200 delegates composed of typical representatives of both town and country voted unanimously in favor of a one-mill tax to create a state aid fund, says the Iowa Homesteader. In the past the best that Iowa has been able to do along this line has been to support a non-salaried highway commission with but little power and with practically no money to work with.

This same conference endorsed almost unanimously the establishment of a permanent highway commission with ample power. In addition a recommendation was made to the legislature to submit the question of bonding the state for good roads purposes to the people at the next general election.

We appreciate the fact that this program is not endorsed by all the people and it is just possible that at the present time it may not meet with the endorsement of even a majority, but the rapidly changing feeling indicates that the time will soon come when all states of the corn belt will undertake the construction of permanent roads. This being the case the question of administration in the important one to deside. In this matter there are established precedents which may be safely followed and these precedents in every case tend in a greater or less degree to centralization. In other words, wherever good roads have been economically built in this country they have been built under the general supervision of the state under a plan of co-ordination with the county and with the township. No plan will every work out practically in the corn belt that does not in a large way leave with the locality the authority to say when they are willing to bear the expense of good roads. When it is decided to incur the expense of building permanent roads the township, county and state will as units find themselves compelled through the operation of a sound business principle to adopt plans and specifications prepared by the best available talent, whether this be furnished by the nation or by the state.

The most urgent need at the present time in all states of the corn belt is the classification of highways in order that the question for all time may be settled as to what constitutes main roads and which are the secondary highways. This recommendation was made to the legislature at the Iowa road conference referred to. When this plan is once carried out we will then know definitely the order in which our roads should be permanently improved. It is a well-known fact that 90 per cent. of the rural traffice is carried on over 10 per cent. of the highways and certainly the first move should be to improve this ten per cent. In the meantime we are strongly in favor of keeping the secondary roads in the best possible condition by the construction of suitable culverts wherever they are needed and by the sensible and compulsory use of the drag. There will always be large and important township and county duties so that no man need have fear that the adoption of permenent road administration will in any way interfere with the principle of local government.

BIG DISAPPOINTMENT IN OHIO

Buckeye State Failed to Pass Appropriation of $50,000,000 to Improve Its Roads.

The greatest disappointment of last year was the vote of Ohio on the constitutional amendment to authorize the general assembly to issue bonds of the state in an amount not to exceed $50,000,000 for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an intercounty system of wagon roads. The vote was: for, 272,527; against, 274,618; majority against, 2,091. This close vote was all the more unfortunate, because the issue was not decided on its merits. Forty-two amendments were voted on, and in the zeal to defeat some of them, thousands of voters slaughtered all. So, under the circumstances, it was probably surprising that the vote in favor was as large as it was. But it is a shock to find that such a state af Ohio out of 1,250,000 qualified voters less than 600,000 took the trouble to go to the polls to vote on constitutional amendments, and not all of these paid any attention to good roads.

PUBLIC ROADS

CLAIMS FOR THE ROAD DRAG

Really Holding Back Construction of Good Roads, as Many Believe No Work Is Needed.

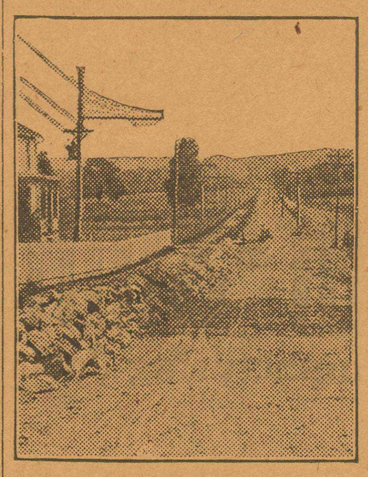
In an article on "Split Log Drag and How to Use It to Obtain Best Results," Mr. Howard H. Gross, among other things, says:

"A good road is one that is good and serviceable 365 days in the year, a road whereon one may ride or drive with pleasure or have full load without strain upon the horse, vehicle or harness.

"To do this the road must have a hard, smooth surface and offer the minimum of resistance.

"An earth road may be an excellent one today and tomorrow a very bad one. It may be a delight in June and a fright in March. Such roads have the virtue of a balky horse, they are liable to fail when most wanted.

"The extravagant claims that have been made for the road drag are really holding back the building of good roads. Many have believed that all that was required to have good roads



A Good Pennsylvania Road.

was to go up and down a streak of mud once ar twice, say 'presto,' and behold a good highway. This is sheer nonsense. This loud acclaim of a 'River-to-River road,' made good in an hour or so, is a myth. This famous road was greatly improved by the dragging, but it is not a good road, and never will be until it is thoroughly drained, properly graded and has a hard, durable wearing surface placed upon it."

POOR ROADS ARE EXPENSIVE

American Farmer Pays 25 Cents Mile Per Ton for Carrying Farm Products to Market.

There are 2,100,000 miles of public roads in this country. Only 150,000 miles, or 7 per cent., are improved. All the rest can be fairly described as bad roads. The waste of our natural resources, reckless as it is, is nothinf compared to the money waste brought about by this condition of our highways.

It costs the French peasant an average of 12 cents a mile per ton to haul his produce to market. It costs the American farmer an average of 25 cents a mile per ton, or 100 per cent. more than the Frenchman. During the year 1905-1906 hauling of farm produce to shipping points amounted to between forty and forty-five million tons weight. The average haul was 9.4 miles. If the farmers could have done their hauling over French roads, instead of their own inferior ones they would have netted $58,900,000 more on their crops.

But all the hauling to shipping points is not done by farmers by any means. The interstate commerce commission tells us that in all something like 250,000,000 tons are hauled for shipment every year. The willingness to move this immense volume of freight over poor roads, as against good roads such as France enjoys, costs the country a cool unnecessary $305,000,000 a year.

These figures and facts come from the office of Logan Waller Page, the United States director of public works.

BONDS IN NEW YORK STATE

Second Issue of $50,000,000 Was Greatest Thing in Good Road History of Last Year.

The greatest thing in good roads history in 1912 was the action of New York in voting a second state bond issue of $50,000,000. There was some opposition to the proposition, but it went through with a good majority. New York has led all other states in road improvement. Under the act of 1906 it issued $50,000,000 worth of road bonds. This it spent at the rate of about $5,000,000 a year. With what has been spent and with contracts made the whole sum has been disposed of, and so the new $5,000,000 comes in to continue the work. These huge hums have enabled New York to more than double her mileage of improved roads and to project large plans for trunk lines. Incidentally, it means an increase in the direct tax of about $2,500,000 yearly.

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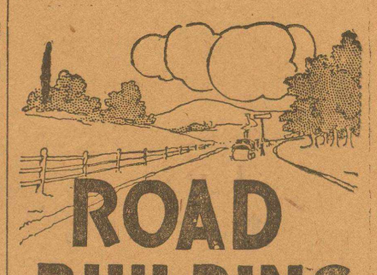


ROAD BUILDING

MAKE BETTER PUBLIC ROADS

Experience Has Taught That Much Work Can Be Done During the Winter and Early Spring.

At this time of year much interest is aroused concerning road improvement. As has been found out by experience, much work can be done to earth roads early in the season, in fact, during the winter and spring when they soften, if they are systematically dragged there is no equal amount of work that can be done with as good effect at any other time of the year.

The law permits the highway commissioners to make contracts with persons living alongside a road to do the dragging. To facilitate this work, the state highway commission has just issued blank contract forms which may be used by commissioners in making their contracts, says the Farm Home. These blank forms are bound with stubs attached like an ordinary check



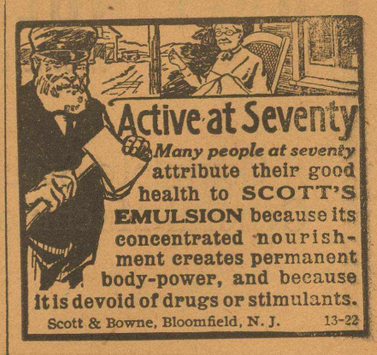
Crushed Rock Road in Missouri.

book and are very convenient. They will be furnished free of charge to any highway commissioner who will apply for them to the state highway commissioner, Springfield, Ill.

The commission has also just issued a pamphlet on the procedure that should be taken when a vote on hard roads is proposed. Much time and expense will be saved if all who are interested in having petitions circulated and vote taken will be sure that all steps have been taken in accordance with the law. Instances are constantly arising where through a misstep at some point or other the whole proceeding is made invalid, causing delay and expense. Any one wishing information concerning the township hard road law of the state of Illinois can get the pamphlet here mentioned free of charge on application to the Illinois highway commission, Springfield, Ill.

Long time. Write or call on Lee Maddox, Ballinger Texas. tf

Mrs. Wm. Smiley and little daughter, passed through Ballinger Thursday afteroon en route to Corpus Christi to spend a few weeks and will also visit at McGregor and other points in the State before returning home.



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FARM DEMONSTRATION INCREASES THE YIELD

With Shortest Rain Fall in Twenty-five Years Farm Demonstration Almost Doubled Cotton Crop.

Out of about 100 letters sent out over Texas asking for opinions and experience of those who have seen work tested, many replies coming in show that more and better crops are produced under direction of demonstrators and scientific farming. Following is a letter to Jo Wilmeth, received from Mills county:

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. asking for data on the results of our experience with a farm demonstration agent in this county, also as to the progress we are making is received ,and I am glad to assure you in my opinion this is a move in the right direction. I believe it will be a potent factor in developing this section of the state along the lines of progress which we really need.

The best evidence I can summon in this matter is some letters from actual participants in the work ,and I am inclosing them for your consideration, I am also giving you some figures of the work actually done; in considering these I would call your attention to the fact that last year we did not employ the demonstrator until the season was far advanced, and the land cultivated under his direction did not get the fall or winter preparation they claim to be essential in getting the best results, and, to be of great value to the growing crop, and too, this crop was made on the lightest rainfall this country has known for twenty-five years, being but 11 6-10 inches for the entire year; not withstanding these adverse condition, the average increase of production for the land under direction of the demonstrator for all participants, was 8 1-8 bushels of corn, and 123-1-3 pounds of cotton to the measured acre, you will understand that some did far better than this, but these figures are based on the entire acreage under directions of the demonstrator, and based on comparisons with adjoining crops, or, as near as can figure, a general average for the county under our usual methods of cultivation, we have one particular instance, in which an increase of thirty-five bushels of corn per acre was made, this was made by a man whose letter I am sending you, and,I will state who followed to the letter instructions given as to planting and cultivation, but was in no ways a favored spot.

We had last year under the direction of the demonstrator some 90 farmers, cultivating in all 100 acres of corn, and one hundred acres of cotton, the crops taken from this acreage would alone have paid three times over the outlay we had in employing our agent, in addition to this, before the season was over a good many farmers in each neighborhood were profiting by the instructions given, and I am fully convinced the yield of cotton for this county was increased at least 1,000 bales and, there would be no way of placing an estimate on the increased feed and forage crops; for another comparison; four years ago, or the first of these years of short moisture in this country, with a rainfall of sixteen inches, this county raised a little over 8,000 bales of cotton and practically no feed, wherein last year with a rainfall of only 11 6-10 inches we raised 14,000 bales of cotton, and I will say on a conservative estimate there has not been $1,000 sent out of the county for feed this year, this alone should convince any thinking man of the progress made.

This year our agent has under his directions 55 actual participants, and in addition a number of co-operative clubs, just here will say the rivalry brought about over various methods of cultivation, leave alone the inspiration given the boys in the organization of their corn clubs, whose success raising these crops has convinced and surprised their parents, was quite an item in bringing about results, and, we further augumented this move with prizes offered by our commercial club to the boys making the best yield with splendid results.

Personally I look at this, as being one of the greatest questions facing us today, and without parallel in the development of our country, it has been here-to-fore, as I am sure you will bare me out, when a man proves a failure in every other walk of life he has usually fallen back to the farm, but time and customs are making a change in this particular, for with your years continuous state makes us realize it requires drought in this part of our great brains as well as brawn to bring returns on our farm investments and although I will readily eceed we have quite a number of thinking farmers, the majority of this class work as a rule only with their hands, and, in many instances the thinkers among them, unless they are persuaded to continue, thereby loosing a battle that will let up cultivating their crops is all but won, just here is where we find the demonstrator cames in to the best advantage.

I believe the time will come, in the not far distant future, when we shall adopt to a good advantage the plan used by our National Government in teaching the remainder of the Indian race that they may be self sustaining; instead of teaching a great many useless sciences, Latin, Greek and other useless studies; that will be of no benefit to a man or woman expecting to live and thrive on the farm, the teacher is required to be proficient in domectic science, and manual training; soil propagation, and such studies that will enable our coming generations to make a thrifty citizenship.

For our section of the country, I think it is going to be much more profitable and satisfactory look to something better than continuous cotton crops, but learn throuh this move we are endeavoring to adopt to raise crops that will feed and develop something for home consumption and things of that character.

I hope you will pardon the length of this letter and should you find any part of it that will appeal to you sufficiently to bring to bare on your court that they may grant your request I trust you will freely use it, also if you find where I can be of service to you in any manner I trust you will promptly command me, with kindest regards, I am.

W. C. DREW, Cashier

The Trent State Bank of Goldthwaite, Texas.

Mr. W. C. Drew,
Goldthwaite, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request for a statement of our opinion regarding the action of our commissioners court last year in employing a farm demonstrator for this county, we were inclined to be a little skeptical as to the wisdom of such an innovation, thinking and believing we knew as much about farming as any one else, but we have been fully convinced that the move in this direction for better farming methods was a good one, and seing the splendid improvements in comparative crop of last years work, we have this year allotted some of our respective crops for the demonstrators directions that we may co-operate with him in his work.

We are sure the move is a successful one and will tell you the splendid results in following year with us, and, we shall be glad to render every assistance in our power toward continuing the work.

Very truly yours,
H. C. EZZELL.

Mr. W. C. Drew,
Goldthwaite, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request for a statement of my experience with the farm demonstrator employed by the commissioners court last year for this county, I was on his first visit last year persuaded to undertake the work under his directions, being the only farmer in this community doing so.

I am glad to state the move for me was a successful one, and, to such a degree that this year I have again undertaken some work with him and besides myself there are several others in this community who have done likewise.

I think the improvement in my crop was a wonderful success to myself as well as inspiration to a good many of my neighbors and I feel the move to be one in the right direction, and should have the hearty support of every citizens in the county.

It is my purpose and intentions to lend my assistance in every way possible to make the work a success in coming years.

Yours very truly,
A. B. BLEDSOE.

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TWO MONTHS OLD BABE LOSSES BOTH PARENTS

Coleman, June 20.—Charley Fair, who for twenty years has been a resident of this city, died suddenly in the town of Hutchins on June 17. His body arrived here via the Santa Fe, last night.

Upon the arrival of the body his wife succombed and both will be buried in one grave this afternoon in Coleman cemetery.

A 2 months old babe survives the couple.

THE UNHOUSED SOUL OR .. THE INTERMEDIATE STATE

By request W. Bion Adkins, pastor Ninth Street Baptist church, will preach on the above subject Sunday morning at 11 o'clock a. m.

BUCKET FULL OF FINE PLUMS.

Uncle George Eskridge remembered the editor with a bucket of as fine plums as ever grew in any country, California not excepted. The plums were raised on Uncle George's orchard in the Southern part of town. The late cold cut the supply down, but it certainly did not hurt the quality, and we never enjoyed anything more than we did this treat.

SNAKE BITE PROVES FATAL.

Johnny Elzie, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kiker, residing four miles north of town, in the Union community, was bitten by a rattle snake Friday morning about 9:30 and died at 10:30 at night, despite every effort of the family and attending physician to counteract the deadly effect of the virus. Johnny and his younger brother Alvin, were shocking oats while their father was cutting, and decided to go to the house. They took a nearer course through the oat field and were proceeding when Alvin cried out. "Johnny, there's a snake!" Johnny stepped back and onto the snake and as he did so the reptile buried its fangs in the fleshy part of the calf of the leg. He dragged the snake loose and he and Alvin ran toward where their father was, but the noise of the machine kept him from hearing what they were saying and he did not stop, supposing the boys were playing, Failing to attract his attention the boys ran to the house, their cries bringing the mother out to meet them. On learning what had mappened, she picked Johnny up and laid him on the gallery and bathed the wound with coal oil. She then hastened to the oat field to summon her husband. Walter hurried to the house and phoned to Bronte for a physician. Dr. Chambers answered the call and was soon in attendance on the boy. In the meantime, the father had corded the leg above the wound and used coal oil and turpentine freely. Dr. Chambers opened the wound and administered alcohol, but the boy's system was so full of poison that the remedy added to the depression of the heart's action. Other antidotes proved inefficacious, and although the physician made a second visit and remained at the bedside until the end, he was powerless to save the life of the unfortunate lad.

In a newspaper experience of 34 years, this is the first death from snake-bite we have ever been called on to report. It was so sad and unusual that we asked Dr. Chambers if he could have been with the boy immediately after he was bitten would the result have been different. He explained that the snake was a large one and was mad and hit the boy with full force. The boy ran and got warm and quickened the action of the heart and the poison was taken quickly into the circulation, getting beyond the reach of antidote that the snake was a large one, Walter saw it as he drove the binder along. He thinks it was four or five feet long, and will always regret that he did not stop and kill it. But he was anxious to get his oats cut, and how could he foresee that a few minutes later his two little boys, unmindful of danger, would follow the snake into the oats and one of them be bitten to death. This is a sad reflection, but hundred of fathers would have done as he did. We say this much by way of consolation toWalter who, with his wife, is brokenhearted over the awfulness of the sorrow that has come into their home and lives.—Bronte Enterprise.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Feb McWilliams and E. L. Rasbuy returned home Friday from a business trip to Las Vegas, N. M., Mr. McWilliams bought 180 fine young Ramboulett bucks while gone and will ship them here to put on his sheep ranch down the river. They report J. H. Kelley doing well in his new home who moved to that section from our city a year or two ago.

Attorney Anderson, of Goldthwaite, was looking after legal business in Ballinger Saturday and returned home in the afternoon.

B. F. Guin, of Hatchel, had business in Ballinger between trains Saturday. Mr. Guin is with the Ballinger Cotton Oil Co., and says he will go to Winters Monday to look after the company's interests in that city for a couple of weeks.

J. N. Harris and daughter, Mrs. Oma Stevens, of Miles were among the visitors in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

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Silo Fed Calves Gain 222 Pounds In 120 Days

Mertzon, Texas 5-28-13.
The Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Ballinger, Texas.
Gentlemen:-

In answer to yours of 5-23-13, will answer your question regarding the silos as follows, I have written you once and tried to give you all the information that you asked for then.

I have used two cement silos one season, and find them to be all-right. They are 40 feet high in the clear and 20 feet in diameter, and hold 328 tons each, on top I have a water tank made by extending the silos on up, that are 3 and 1-2 feet deep and the same dia meter as the silos. These are put on the silos for the purpose of wat eriing the silage if the feed is too dry while storing, and are connect ed with the inside of the silo by a pipe through the bottom of the tank and one can attach a rubber hose for wetting the silage. However, I hardly think that water will have to be used in putting up the silage; on dry land it might be necessary—the walls are 10 inches thick and reinforced with steel verticale rods and around with steel reinforcing wire. Mine have been as good as could be and although I think these silos cost more than any other I think that they are the cheapest in the long run if properly put up. If they are half put uu, or by some one who does not understand mixing the cement they will crack and may be of no service. If I were going to put up more I would build of cement of some kind, I thing that they have a cement stave silo and if it will do what they say it will,, it will be the thing for this country. I do not believe the wooden silo will give satisfaction, however, they are un loading two here this morning and we can tell next year what they will do.

I think that kaffir corn is the best silage that can be made. I used in mine, kaffir, maize indian corn and alfalfa, and they all do well, but the kaffir, I think, is the best of all. Alfalfa is worth too much money in the bale to use in a silo, and I do not think that alfalfa silage is any better than the hay baled.

I think silage is good for the milk cow, fattening cattle, wintering them, and for sheep though the only thing that I would hesitate in feeding is horses, and I would not think it would do to give them all they could eat.

Comparing silage with other feeds, I think that it has a great feeding value, greater than hulls I wintered about 500 steer calves on silage alone until about the 1st of February then I added about 1 pound of meal to give them a good start. I fed 30 head of steer calves on silage and meal straight, they should have had some additional food to have made the most gains, and were shipped when v were not finished but will give you the data below as to how they should have been fed 30 to 60 days longer:

Put on feed on silage alone, Nov ember 7, 1912.

Average weight when put on feed was 431 1-3 pounds.

They were fed silage alone for two weeks, then put on meal for about1-2 pound per head per day for three weeks until they were eating about 4 pounds of meal the thirty days,

On January 4th their weight average 540 1-3 pounds.

On February 3 their weight average 604.44.

On March 5th their weight averaged 693.

The latter part of February one died out of the thirty that was fed this was caused, I think, from the meal and silage not being mixed properly and the steer got too much meal at one time,

They were shipped to Ft Worth. and brought 7 cents per pound, and sold for feeders, and we could not get at what they cut out.

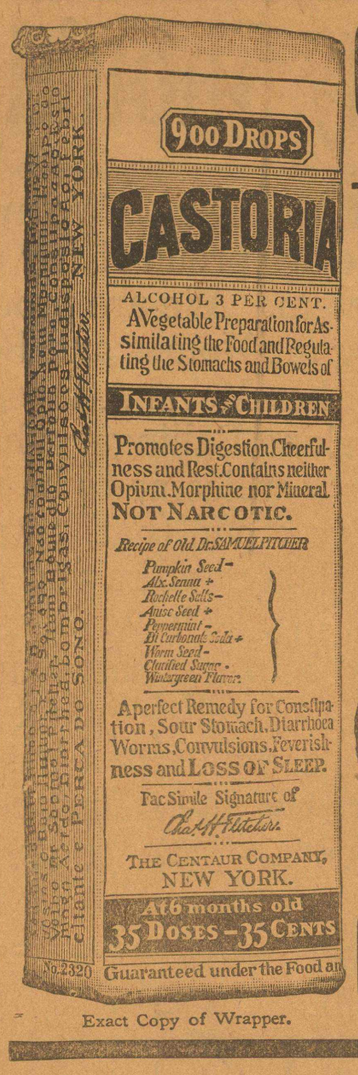
They were fed an average of 30 pounds of silage per head per day with the meal increasing as above They should have been fed corn meal or some other balanced ration to have made the best gains but I wanted to see what silage and meal would have done, and could I have fed them thirty days longer they would have been finished better but the silage was out.

In conclusion I will say that I think that the silo is the best thing for the stock farmer or any other farmer that has ever been introduced in the west, where the feed can be raised to an advantage. It gives us a chance to finish our cattle at home, thereby getting all the feed is worth and getting the best prices for the cattle and the advantage of the fertilizer, and I can see no reason that if the Kansas man can come and buy our steers, raise his feed on land that cost him from $100 to $150 per acre that the man in this country can raise his cattle, raise his own feed, put it in a silo and have the same chance with the Kansas man to fatten the cattle. I can see no chance for the Texas man to loose where he is competing with product that he has bought from the Texas man.

I think that you people can make no mistake by getting silos of any kind that will be good silage, of course every man has the best and can tell you of all the bad things in the others, but there is one thing that a wooden silo man will quote you that he cannot prove, and will make it stick if you know no better, he will tell you that silage from a wooden silo is 50 per cent better that from a cement silo, this will not be true, and the silage from wood or cement will be no good if it is not aid tight, this is the principle, and it can be out of either it will have to be air tight if the silage is good and this is why I say that I do not think that the wooden silo will be as good as the cement if the cement is properly put up, for when the silo stands here through the sum mer heat and winds, I think that it is going to be a job getting them ready to be filled again.

I have tried to cover the silos, and if there is anything further that you wish to know I will be glad to give it to you, but if you have a man in your bank who is interesting himself on this subject I will be glad to have him come out and I will show him all that I have on hand about them.

Yours truly,
FAYETTE TANKSRSELY.



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The Silo and Iits Value

(Texas Industrial Congress)

It is said that there is nothing new under the sun, and the truth of this saying is well brought out in the present agitation among the well-informed to introduce the farmers of this State to give more attention to the silo. To many the name silo conveys no meaning, as they are in total ignorance of what it is, and yet the ancient Egyptians used the silo thousands of years ago. Reduced to its simplest terms, a silo is really a big can, corresponding in nearly every way to the cans in which the housewife preserves her fruit, and it is intended to, and does serve, the same purpose. It is a means of preserving green feed in its original form for stock of all kinds. Just as the housewife can insure a plentiful supply of both fruit and vegetables for the use of her family during the whole year, so the provident farmer who provides himself with a silo can be assured of an abundance of wholesome, nutritious food for his stock in times of scarcity. The principle upon which the silo is founded is the fact that decomposition and decay can only take place in any material through the agency of germ life, and in the presence of air. If this material is placed in an air-tight vessel, the germs it contains are killed, the air surrounding the material withdrawn, and if no new germs are allowed to enter, the material will remain in the same condition in which it was gathered for an indefinite time, and will be just as valuable as a feed as when fresh. The house wife accomplishes these desired results first by heating the material and then by sealing up the can. This would not be practical with the large quantities of feed required for our stock. So the same result is accomplished in a different way. Using the ground as a bottom a structure is erected the sides of which are air-tight, or are made air-tight, when they get wet. These sides are made of a variety of materials, the most common being lumber, stone, cement and brick. It does not make much difference what the material used just so the sides are made air tight, and that they will hold the pressure of the material with which the structure is filled. What is known as the stave silo is usually made of pieces of two by four lumber, set up on end, just as the staves of a barrel are put together and bound around with hoops that can be drawn together. It is usual to have these staves twelve to sixteen feet in length, and often two are placed upon end so that the structure is from thirty to thirty-two feet high. The diameter of the silo will vary, for reasons given later, with the number of stock that it is desired to feed. After the silo is erected it is filled with such mater ial as green corn sorghum, kaffir milo, or almost any green feed which is chopped into lengths, varying from one-half to three-quarters of an inch and packed firmly into the silo. When first placed in the silo the material undergoes quite a heating and some souring. This heat however, expels the air that is held between the particles of material, and at the same time goes so high that it time the material has packed kills all germ life. As in the mean down very closely, no new air or germscan enter; as the material soon cools off and remains unchanged for an indefinite period. This first heating has done two things. It has generated a small amount of acetic acid, a substance that aids digestion and has also acted upon many of the substance of the food and rendered them easier of digestion when taken into the animal's stomach. The result, then, is preserved green feed for stock for any time of the year and that green feed is even more digestible than when it was first cut. A silo can be built at a cost of a little over a dollar per ton capacity to two or three dollars, depending upon the material and the finish. No cover is necessary as rain does not injure the ensilage. Even a pit in the ground can be made to do service as a silo, especially in the dryer sections. After the silo is filled to the top, two or three inches of material spoils, so in designing the silo it is necessary to calculate to feed a layer over the whole surface each day. In this way it is fed up before it has time to spoil.

Ensilage keeps better in a deep than in a shallow silo, so it is customary to build them twenty-five feet in heighth. A silo ten feet in diameter and twenty-five feet high will hold about thirty-six tons of ensilage. A well-fed dairy cow will consume from thirty to forty pounds of ensilage a day. From this data one should be able to calculate the size of silo needed.

Ensilage can ordinarly be grown and put up for about three dollars a ton while in feed value, when properly combined with other materials, it is easily worth six dollars Outside of the actual nutrients it contains it is of especial value t othe diaryman, because it enables him at all times to have green feed. It is of equal value to the beef feeder as it is well known that animals never take on flesh as rapidly and as cheaply as when supplied with a certain amount of green succulent feed. Besides proving of value during winter, the Texas feeder will find ensilage of inestimable use in helping him tide over the hot, dry summer and falls. While almost any feed material except those consisting of hollow stems, will make valuable ensilage, there is nothing quite so good and so valuable as corn and the grain sor ghums. Ordinarily for each five bushels of corn that a field will yield it will make a ton of ensilage. The corn from a thirty-bushel field would be worth, at 50 cents, fifteen dollars, while the en silage from the same field would be worth twice as much. So, besides being a means of supplying green food to stock, the silo is also a means of adding very materially to the value of the feed stuff, and also of utilizing the cornstalks that constitute forty per cents of the value of a cornfield, and that are too often lost. Again, it costs less to save ensilage than to have the crop in any other form. At the same time a man with a silo is independent of the weather. He can fill his silo while the rain is pouring down. On the other hand, should there be danger of losing his crop from dry weather, he can cut it and place it in his silo and so save it. Corn makes the best ensilage when cut after it is well glazed, but it can be cut at any time during its growth and will still make valuable feed. The farmers of Texas therefore cannot afford to further neglect this means of adding to the value of their feed crops.

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San Diego plans to have her exposition buildings complete by January 1, 1914, that the landscape gardners may have a whole year to decorate it with trees, vines and flowers before the gates are opened January 1, 1915 It will remain open the entire year 1915.

Some people are uneasy, afraid it will rain to much.

AGAISNT RESOLUTION NO. 18.

July the 19th is the day the people of Texas, are to vote upon several proposed amendments to the State constitution, among which is joint resolution 18 which, if adopted would give the legislature authority to use the credit of Texas for certain things by issuing bonds against the state. That resolution was shrewdly drawn by masters in the art and is of far reaching consequences. The University is sorely in need of funds the penal system is deeply in debt, many of us want good roads and would like to have the means by which to raise the money simplified. Some would like public warehouses, while others are interested in irrigation. So they threw out a dragnet to catch all these voters. But they slippel a joker in on us Read the proposed amendment carefully and you will find a little innocent looking clause that gives to the legislature itself the authority to issue bonds without limit either as to amount or rate of interest or number of times for "other state institutions." Yes, they ask you for authority to mortgage your home for millions in bonds to build any old thing they might call a "state institution." Why one legislature could bankrupt Texas under that innocent little clause and never spend one dollar for anything you might want. I am not fighting any institution in Texas. I take no stock in the petty jealousies between the A. & M. and the University. But I do believe it an extremely unwise policy for us to issue bonds for any purpose except by a vote of the people upon each bond issue. Mr. Taxpayer, that resolution is loaded for bear and you are the bear. Under the present law the state institution are supported by general taxation and the money appropriated among them by the legislature. The only reason the appropriation are no larger is because they would have to raise the tax rate and that would produce a howl. But if resolution 18 is adopted the legislature could even reduce the tax rate for a year or two and at the same time build many state institutions—something in every representative district—by quietly issuing a few million of bonds against your already tax-burdened homes. Then up they come for re-election and loudly proclaim the low tax rate and point to the state institutions they have builded. Where did they get the money? Who is going to pay it? The next administration would find it self face to face with the problem of raising money, not only for gen eral expense, but to care for these new "state insttituions" to pay interest on pervious bond issues, and to provide for the sinking fund. Where will they get the Money? The tax rate must go skyward again or more bonds would be issued. Where in the name of common sense would it end? Again if one legislature failed to bankrupt us there would be no strings on the next one. One session of the legislature could do what it would take a hundred to undo. It requires two-thirds of the legislature to submit an amendment or its repeal, and mark me, if resolution 18 ever gets into the constitution it will be a mightly hard proposition to ever get it out. They won't let us vote on it any more. The gentleman who sold his birth-rivht for a mess of pottaye made a good trade. They ask us to give our birthright and throw in a mess of pottage. They ask me if I haven't enough confidence in the judgement and discretion of the legislature to authorize them to mortgage my home for any amount they may see fit to biuld any old "state institution" they want? I answer emphatically, no. We have misplaced confidence now until the supply is exhausted. You had better take a day off on the 19th and swat resolution 18 and swat it hard for there are several strong organizations who for selfish reasons are making a mighty campaign for its adoption but they never say a word about "other state institutions.

E. C. BASKIN.

June 18.

SELLING WOOL.

A dispatch from San Angelo Tuesday stated that the Wool Growers Association had rejected all bids offered for 2,000,000 unds of wool owned by the mem bers of the Association and stored at that place, on account of the price which they considered too low. In Kentucky tobacco is sold that way, the people co-operate andsell their crop as a whole. There is no trouble to get a fair price for the tobacco because the manufacturer has learned that he must pay a reasonable price for it

But it is different in Texas with the cotton crop. Every fellow who has a bale of cotton loads it when he says that the proper which ever he happens to have and hits the road for his market and sells it without any sort of regard for what his neighbor is doing Peter Radford is right about it when hes ays that the proper marketing of the cotton crop of the south is the greatest question that confronts the American people, certainly the southern people. If some plan could be adopted whereby the farmer can receive a fair price for his cotton every year and have some idea what that price is going to be, the South will blossom as the rose. The size of the task has stag gered those who have tried to solve it so far, but in this day of great combinations the people should certainly be able to handle the most important of all questions. The Reporter does not claim to have the key to the question, but we can see no reason for its not being solved, when we know that the wool grower and the tobacco producer has solved his by co-operation.—Abilene Reporter.

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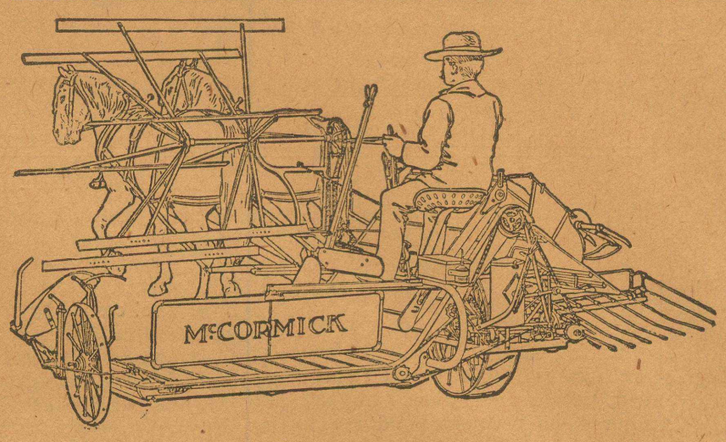
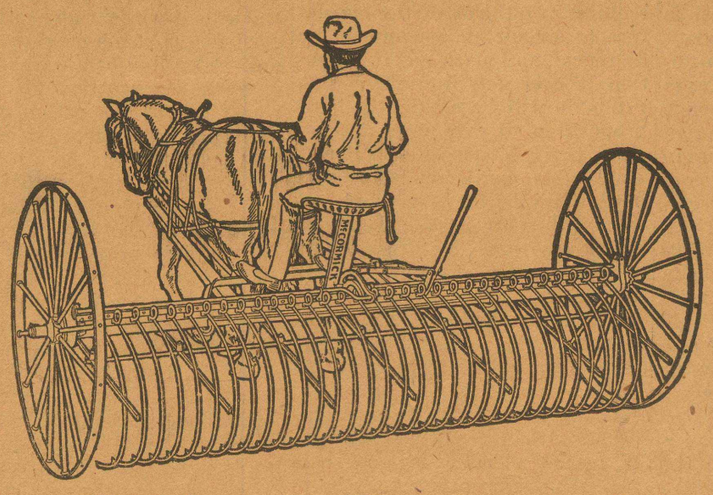


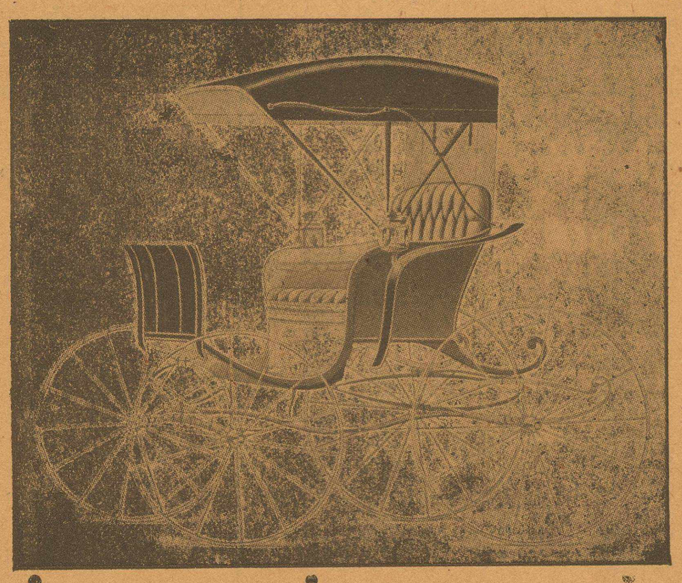
Dry Goods Department

Hamilton Brown Shoes. Ely and Walker Dress Goods. Star brand Hats. Thompson Glove Fitting Corsets. Red Goose School Shoes,

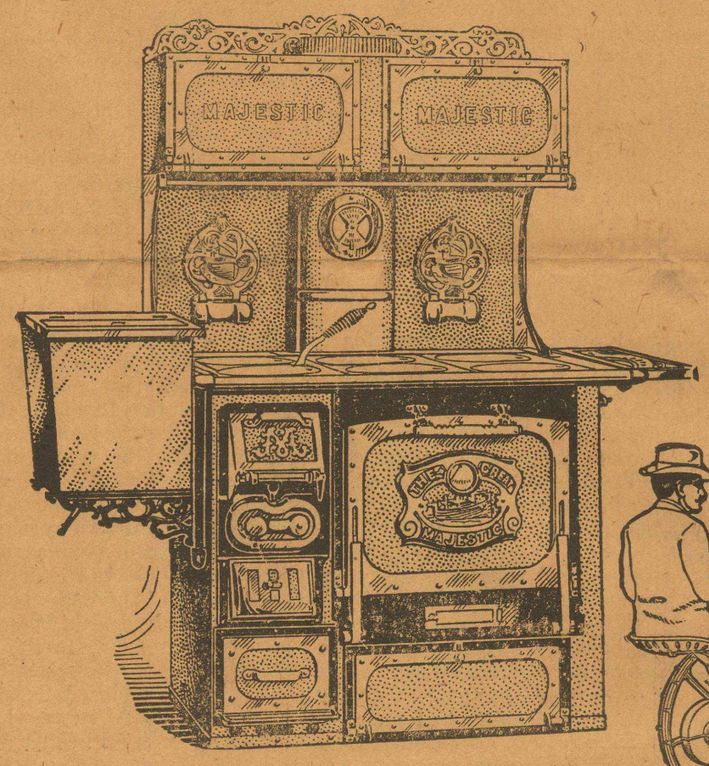


Hardware Department

Garland Cook Stoves. Bridge and Beach Cook Stoves. Majestic Ranges. Keen Kutter Hardware. Wonder Ice Cream Freezers. Perfection and Quick Meal oil Stoves. Havaland china.



We give on this page a partial list of the well known lines of goods we sell and on which we ask a fair margin of profit. And we offer you terms that are consistant with good business. Our store will be closed June 28th, from 11 A. M. to 2 P. M. in order to give ourselves and our employes time to help entertain you at the park,



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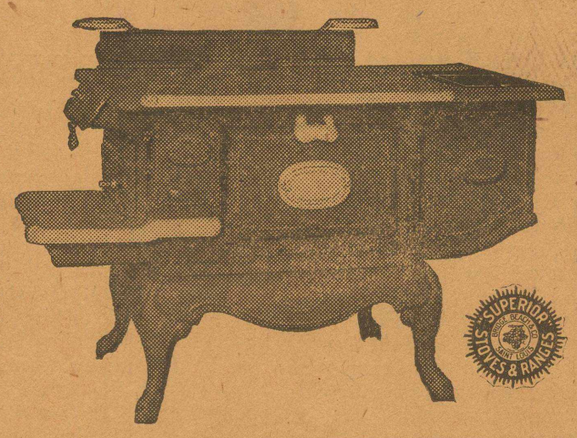
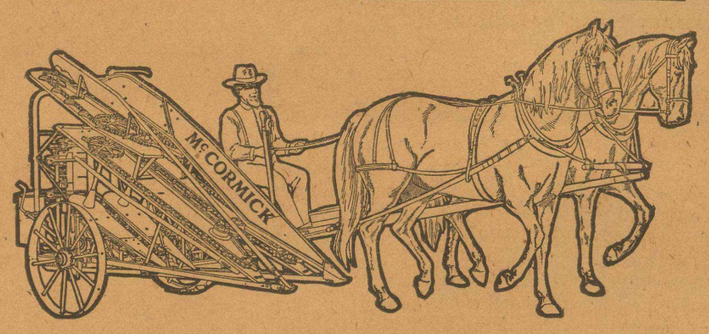
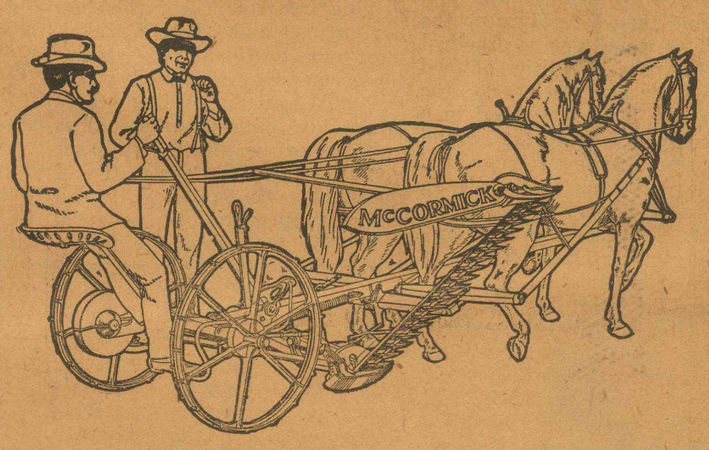


'The recollection of quality remains long after the price is forgotton."



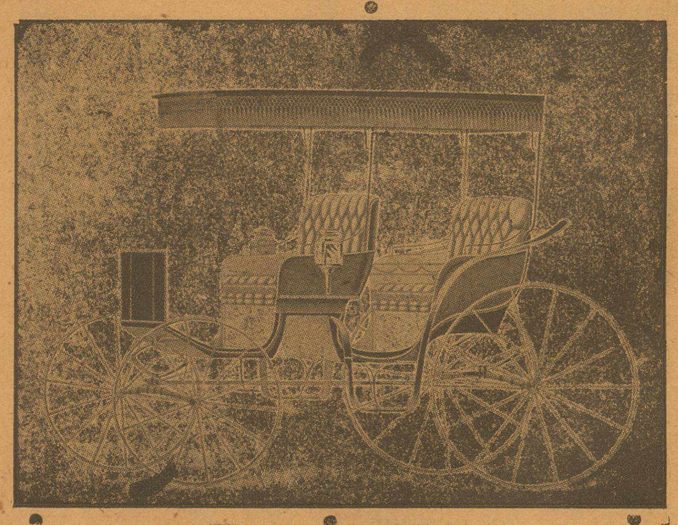
Grocery Department

American Lady Flour. Maxwell house and White Swan Coffee. Club Lake Coffee, the kind you will drink at the barbecue. Sun-kist canned fruit. Clipper canned vegetables, Velva and Karo Syrups.



Implement Department

Sampson and Aermotor Wind Mills. Moon Brothers Buggies. Bain and Old Hickory Wagons. Columbus Buggies. Avery and Sons and Rock Island Farm Tools. McCormick Harvesting Machinery.



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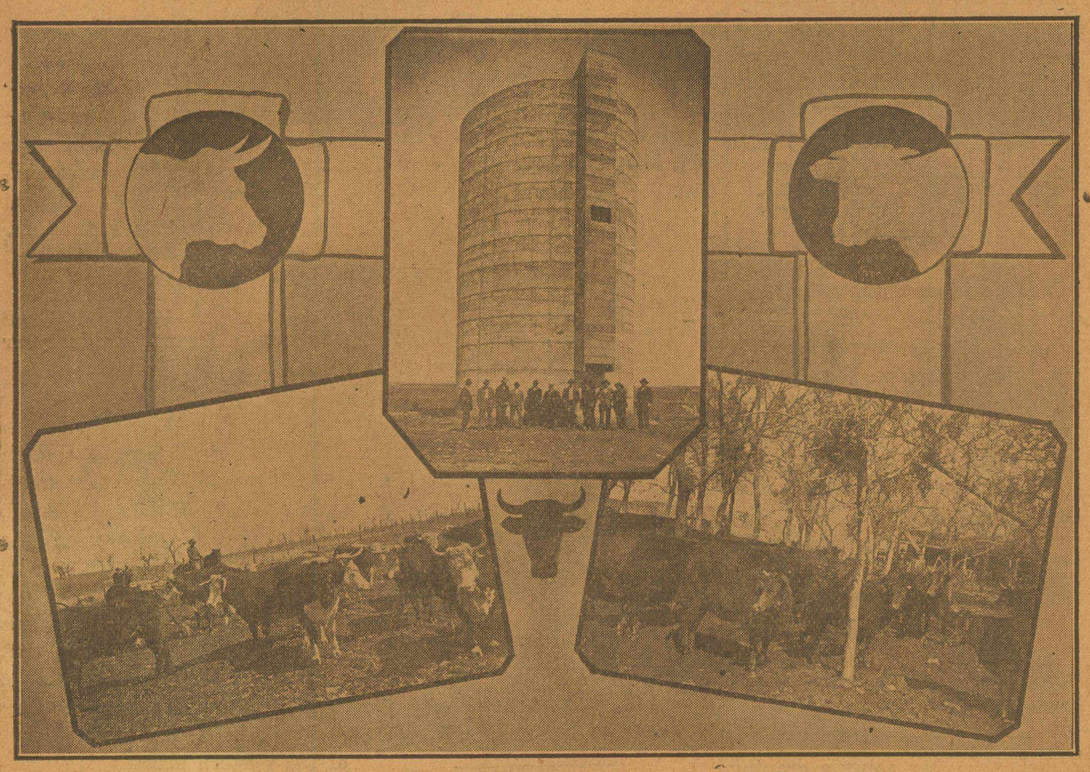
Runnels County an Ideal Field for Live Stock Farming and Poultry Raising

Perhaps there is no country in Texas, or any where in the South that offers better opoprtunity for the man with small means to engage in live stock farming than in Runnels county. On account of being a well watered country, cheap land for pasture and the mild climate, free from disease and the continued increase in the demand is creating among the farmers—the men with small farms, the idea that he can grow a few head of live stock at a profit and this is proving true. A few calves, or yearlings for market bring cash that fits in between cot ton selling time and is a great



Scenes on Blocker and Russell Ra nch on Colorado River Near Ballin ger.

among live stock, and the easy pro duction of feed stuffs of all kinds at small cost, stock can be grown here cheaper than in any country where the land has been turned over to the farmer. In fact stock farming here pays a larger diyidend than cotton, grain or any other crop that is raised exclusive of live stock.

In recent years more attention is being paid to stock farming, and the high price of all kinds of meat help and goes along ways towards keeping the farmer out of debt.

Silos for Stock Farming

This feature of Runnels county farming promises to take new life with the coming of the silo. Up t a little more than a year ago there was not a silo in Runnels county. They are being installed in every section of the county now and within a few years every farmer that owns a few head of cattle will have a silo on his farm.

The demand for poultry has caused the farmers to form a part nership with his wife in the poul try business, and while only a few years ago, the farmer considered chickens a burden and a destroyer of much feed, today every farm that amounts to anything looks like a poultry farm. A move has been on foot, and will no doubt develop later, to build at Ballinger a poultry packing plant. This would be a paying enterprise as there is no plant of this kind West of Temple, and a plant here could draw from a large territory. The installation of a plant here would also be the means of causing the farmers to devote more time to poultry raising and would rapidly develop this profitable industry. The right man could get considerable financial encouragement to establish a poultry packing plant at Ballinger.

Cotton Production: 1912

Washington, D. C., June 27.—Statistics for the cotton crop in the United States for the year 1912 are given in detail in a bulletin soon to be issued by Director Durand of the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce. It was prepared under the supervision of Wm. M. Steuart, chief statistican for Manufactures, assisted by H. J. Zimmerman

The quality of cotton reported for the crop of 1912, with linters included and round bales counted as half bales, is 14,090,863 running bales. With the exception of that of 1911, this is the largest crop the United States has ever produced. Expressed in gross 500-pound bales, the crop amounted to 14,313,015 bales, being 1,937,26[illegible] bales, or 11.9 per cent less than that of 1811 but exceeding that of 1910 by 2,307,327 bales, or 19.2 per cent; that of 1909 by 3,997,633 or 38.8 per cent; and that of 1904 the third largest crop, by 633,061 bales, or 4.6 per cent.

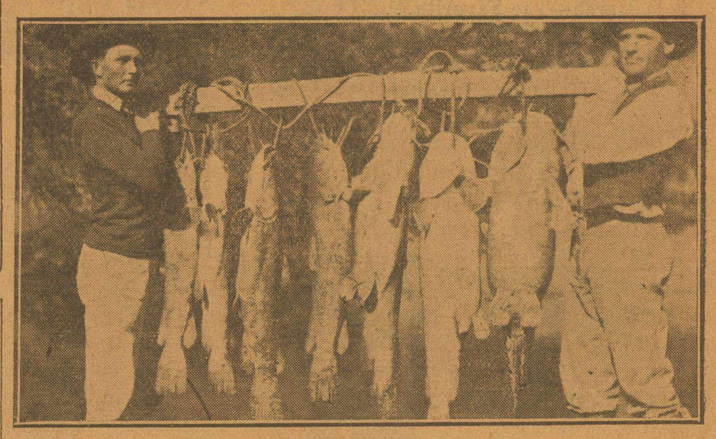
The average annual production of cotton for the years 1899-1903 was 10,055,003 bales, and for the years 1908-1912, 13,294,333 bales; the increase in the average annual production being 3,239,330 bales or 32.2 per cent. When it is considered that of the total area of the counties from which returns of cotton ginned were made, only about one-eleventh was devoted to the production of cotton in 1911 and 1912, the figures afford some idea of the possibilities of cotton production in the United States.

Practically the entire production of cotton in the United States is upland, which includes a number of long-staple varities. Only about one-half of one per cent of total production in 1912 was of the sea-island variety, and only 4.3 per cent was linters.

The sea-island crop of 1912 amounted to 73,777 bales, or 28,-180,000 pounds gross weight, and was less than that of 1911 by 45-516 bales, or 38.3 per cent. With the exception of the crop of 1906, the crop was the smallest produced since the inauguration of the ginning reports of the census bureau in 1899. A very severe storm proved disastrous to the crop in South Carolina in 1911, and the production of that state decreased from 13,016 bales in 1910 to 5,119 in 1911, but increased to 7,707 bales in 1912.

The estimated quality of cotton seed produced from the crop of 1912, was 6,104,000 tons, which compares with 6,997,000 tons from the crop of 1911. Of the total for 1912, 4,579,508 tons, or 75 per cent. were taken by the oil mills thus leaving 1,524,492 tons or 25 per cent for planting, export, feed ing, and other purposes. The proportion of the seed taken by the oil mills from the crop of 1911 was 70 per cent, a somewhat smaller proportion than in 1912.

Mrs. Cross Baker and two children of Navasota, who had been visiting her father, H. A. Cady and Ballinger friends, left Monday afternoon for their home.



Caught in Elm Creek near Ballinger. Lightest 15 pounds. Heaviest 55 pounds—average 25 pounds.

Ed Schawe left Monday afternoon for Fort Worth and Dallas to look after business affairs a few days.

Roy Nicholson left Tuesday day morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

R. B. Harmbright, of the Norton country, was looking after bus iness affairs in Ballinger Tuesday.

Col. J. R. Taylor, of Norton, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

O. Dillingham, the Winters postmaster had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

1886 27 Years Old on June 29th 1913. 1913

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

On this, our 27 Birth Day, the Officers and Directors ot this Bank feel that it would not be inappropriate for them to make public acknowledgement to the Citizens of Ballinger and Runnels Coun ty in general, and to our friends and patrons in particular, who have in many ways, during the past 27 years, contributed to our growth and success, Some of the most successful farmers and business men of Runnels County have, for more than a quarter of a century, favored us with their patronage and when opportunity permitted have spoken a word of commendation to their friends in our behalf, there by giving endorsement to the conservative, yet liberal policy, pursued by the management

These evidences of approval have spurred us to even greater effort in the future and more faithful service will be our aim.

Hoping the same full measure of happiness and prospe rity will be enjoyed by those who so generously contributed to our welfare and asking that you make our Bank your headquarters during the celebration to be held in Ballinger Saturday, June 28th, 1913, we are

YOUR FRIENDS

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

FIRST STATEMENT 1886.

Loans and Discounts	$38,733.00	Capitol Stock	$50,000.00
U. S. Bonds	12,500.00	Surplus and Rrofits	583.04
Banking House and Fixts.	2,093.45		
Cash and Exchange	20,875.92	DEPOSITS	23,619.33
	$74.202.37		$74,202.37

LAST STATEMENT 1913.

Loans and Discounts	$288,933,77	Capital Stock	$200,000.00
U. S. Bonds	$101'500.00	Surplus and Profits	$45,607.99
Banking House and Fixts.	$25,000.00	Circulation	$98,150.00
Real Estate	$11,153.32	Borrowed Money	NONE
Stock and Bonds	$12,864.92		
Cash and Exchange	$137,933.43	DEPOSITS	$233,657.45
	$577,415.44		$577,415.44

BAND CONCERT.

The first of a series of weekly concerts to be given by the Ballinger Concert Band Thursday evening, June 26, at court house lawn.

March—Solid Front .H. C. Miller
Medley—National Airs.....
Serenade—Love's Response.....
....H. C. Miller
Selection—Grand March and Adagio from "Faust".....Gounod
Song (for Cornet)—Sweet Evening Bells.....Geo. Rosenkrans
Rag Two Step—Cotton Babes....
.. ..Percy Wenrich
Finale March—The Favorite.....
....B. G. McFall

T. P. MARTIN,
Director.

Notice to Delinquent Taxpayers Ballinger Independent School District.

The undersigned, as attorney for said District, will begin the publication of the delinquent tax record for said district on or about the 15 day of July, 1913, which will appear in the Banner-Ledger the number of times required by law. I have notified by mail all delinquents whose address is known to me. I have collected since April 15th, about $550.00, and would be glad to collect the balance due said district, aggregating about $1500.00 without any suits being filed. The costs incident to a suit to collect any amount of tax, be it for a small or large amount, will run from seven to fifteen dollrs, which I would like to save to the tax payers, if they desire it. Let me issue you your reecipts and save cost of publication and courts costs.

Respectfully,
R. S. GRIGGS,
d&w Attorney at law.

Roy Nicholson arrived at his majority Wednesday and was celebrating the day in splendid humor on that occasion.

FIRE BOYS PRACTICE.

John Phillips, Jim McCarver, John Syers and Dedrick Sheffy, four of the fast team of the Ballinger Volunteer Fire Company, made a practice run with the fire hose Wednesday afternoon and according to the stop watch of Fire Chief Ed Glober, made the 250 feet run, coupled the hose and had the water flowing in 20 seconds, which is pretty fast work. On Tuesday these boys made two runs of like distance and coupled up in 18 seconds. When the Ballinger boys go against the visiting teams next Saturday the visitors will have to go some if they succeed in winning from the Ballinger boys.

Sheriff J. P. Flynt and son, and Raymond Norris, had business at Winters between trains Wednesday.

A Levy left Wednesday afternoon for Abilene where he goes to look after business affairs a day or two.

E. V. Bateman returned home Tuesday night from an extended visit to his old home in Tennessee and reports conditions in the old state looking all right.

J. W. Fortson and his brother, W. J. Fortson. of Brownwood, who had been out to the Big Springs country on a land deal, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route home. Mr. Fortson says that section is needing rain badly and without the same pretty soon, the crops will turn out very light.

Mrs. Eddie Voelkel and baby arrived Thursday from Fort Worth to spend the summer with his father-in-law, A. J. Voelkel and family, of South Ballinger.

H. H. Handley, of Cleburne, Texas, came in Wednesday and went out to the home of Mr Bishop down the Colorado river, where he will spend thes ummer recuperating.

G. W. Caswell, of the Norton country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

Tom McCutcheon, of Winters, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route home from the West.

EDEN MYSTERY IS STILL UNFATHOMED

Eden, ex., June 25.—The mystery overshawoding the poisoning of the W. T. Cromains family has not as yet been cleared away. The last evidence obtained by examining parties was such as to eliminate the guilt of the father to some extent, and bring to light family trouble of long standing. The entire family have crossed themselves in giving evidence from time to time. The candid opinion of all is that the poison was not placed in the food thru mistake, but was placed there intentionally. The family as a whole are trying to saddle the guilt on the father, W. T. Cromains, who is still in the Ballinger jail awaiting the action of the grand jury. When Cromains learned that the evidence of the entire family was against him he did not want an examining trial, but preferred lying in jail and awaiting the action of thegrand jury.

NORTON NEWS.

Farmers are finishing up the grain cutting and expecting to begin thrashing next week.

A good shower of rain fell Wed day afternon which was fine for cotton and maize.

Rev. Dunn filled his regular ap pointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Patterson and daughter, Vera, also Miss Mildred Herring spent a few days in Norton the first of the week.

Mrs. Lock Williams is visiting her sister-in-law in Roscoe the past few days.

Misses Kevil and Joe Glen were visitors of Mrs. T. J. McCaughon Saturday and Sunday.

Claude and Roffie London of Pleasant Retreat were visiting relatives and friends in Norton Saturday.

Quite a number of Norton people attended the unveiling at Winters Sunday afternoon.

Mesdames Hambright and Good were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

Rev. Arrant and family of Mason county are spending a few days with parents, also preached at the Baptist church Sunday night.

"QUEEN OF THE PRARIE."

OXIEN AND MUD CREEK

Well as my letter was not in print last week thought I would write again.

Health of this community is very well at present. We are glad to report.

Luther Turner's baby is getting a long fine.

Mr. Copeland Payne left Friday for his brother's.

We notice Vera seemed very sad Sunday.

A large crowd from Mud Creek and Oxien attended the Pound Supper at Mr. Cooper's last Saturday night. All had a nice time and had plenty of supper.

Some of the young folks had a collision playing going a graping

Sunday school at Mud Creek Sunday evening was fine. A large crowd was out.

We sure feel sorry for Emmett and Winnie. Maybe Mr. Jones won't phone for you the next time you go anywhere for supper.

Church at Crews Sunday night was good.

Mr. Earl Clayton had the misfortune of losing his hat Sunday night.

Irene Wilber and A. B. Cousins are spending this week with their sister at Glen Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Manning at Long Branch

As news is scarce will ring off.

."THE MOCKING BIRD,"

SELLS CONFECTIONERY

Charlie Boyd closed the deal Wednesday afternoon in which he sells his confectionery and cold drinks stand on Eighth Street to J. H. Vineyard, who recently moved to our city from San Angelo.

Mr. Vineyard will add to the stock and continue at the same stand. He is a practical and experienced business man and under stands this line of business and we wish him success in his new location.

BOY BABIES WILL NOT GET ALL THE PRIZES

The program for the barbecue published elsewhere in this paper an error occured. The error made it appear that the two $5 dollar prizes, one to be awarded by the Ballinger State Bank and the other by the First National, were both for boy babies. The most perfect girl baby under eighteen months old will receive five dollars in gold and the most perfect boy baby under eighteen months, will receive five dollars.

Be here with your girl baby, she may get the five dollars.

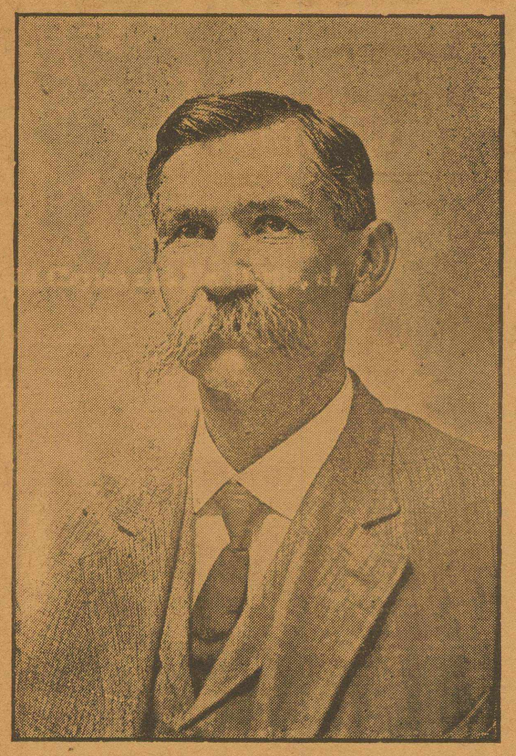
RAILROAD BUSINESS FOR APRIL

The total operating revenues of the railways for April were $237,362,424, an increase over those of April of last year of $22,893,968 in the aggregate or 9.7 per cent per mile of line. This was whittled down by an advance in operating expenses of 12.3 per cent per mile of line to an increase in net operating revenue of $1,534,073 in the aggregate, or 2.4 per cent per mile of line.

The amount of this net operating revenue was $58,337,434. Taxes for the month took $10,482,492, an increase per mile of line of 7.9 per cent; this and shrinkage in revenue from outside operations left operating income amounting to $47,516,273, an increase of $810,427 or less than 1 percent per mile of line. This aggregate operating income for the 222,156 miles amounth to $214 per mile of line for the month, or $7.13 per mile of line per day.

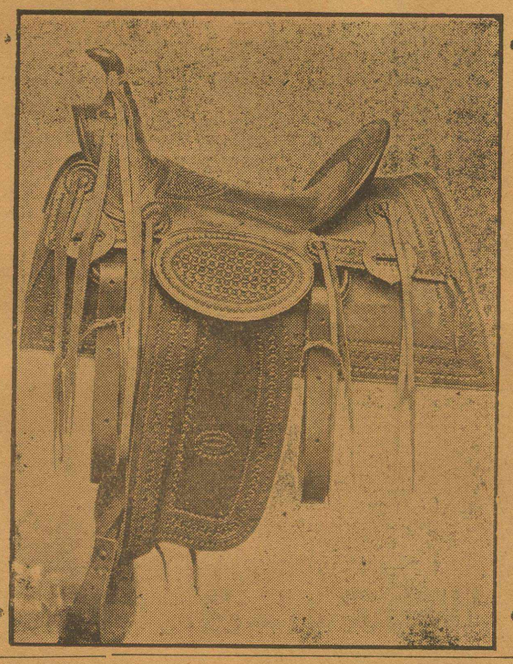
It is the operating income to which the railroads must look for betterments, improvements, new construction, and for interest on bonds, and dividends. Except for the fact that there was an anthacite coal strike in April of last year, this operating income for the railway as a whole would not have averaged an increase, and for the railways of the eastern group would have been less this year than last, instead of increasing 14.6 per egent. It was lower per mile of line for these railroads in April, 1912, by 33 per cent than in April 1911; and 3.8 per cent greater in April, 1911, than in April, 1910. For the railway of the southern group this operating income per mile of line was 16.5 per cent less than in April, 1912; less in April, 1912, by 1.9 per cent than in April, 1911; and less in April, 1911, by 14.5 per cent than in April, 1910. For the railways of the western group this operating income per mile of line was 3.2 per cent less than in April, 1912; greater in April, 1912, by 2.1 per cent than in April, 1911; less in April, 1911. by 12.3 per cent than in April 1910.

These figures are from the summary of revenues and expenses of the steam railways for the month of April complied by the Bureau of Railway Economics from their reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and cover the returns of about ninety per cent of the steam railway mileage of the country.



Twenty Years in Saddle and Harness Business in Ballinger.

20 years ago I engaged in the saddle and harness business on the corner where the Higdon-Melton-Jackson store now is. My business has grown with the town. Later I added furniture to my line and still later I put in a general line of house furnishing goods. I am proud to know that I have customers and friends scattered all over Runnels and adjoining Counties. I have tried to give you value received, and by your patronage you have made it possible for me to enlarge my business. After 20 years experience I am better prepared to serve you than ever. I can make it to your interest when you want anything in my line.



Ballinger Mattress Factory

The Ballinger Mattress Factory is rapidly coming to the front. It was established five years ago and today it is being operated to its capacity, supplying mattresses to a large territory. One man is kept on the road nearly all the time selling mattresses, and the quality of the goods made is creating a demand that is making the Ballinger Mattress Factory one of Ballinger's leading enterprises. In addition to making new mattarsses the factory maintains a repair department and old mattresses are renovated and rebuilt, and a big saving is in this way made for the owner.

MATTRESSES TO ORDER



You Are Invited to Ballinger

I extend to every citizen of the Ballinger trade territory an invitation to be with us on our 27th Birth Day, and while you are here you will find a hearty welcome at my store. You may not be in the market for anything in my line, but your visit will be appreciated. If there is any favor I can show you while you are here, call on me. My store joins the city in extending you a hearty welcome on the 28th.

Ballinger Mattress Factory | T. S. Lankford, Proprietor

The Home Steam Laundry

W. A. TALLEY, Proprietor; is a Home Institution and is here to stay. Our Interests and yours are mutual. Remember us when wanting Laundry work.

Patronize Home Industry,

OPERATE SKUNK FARM NEAR WEATHERFORD

Weatherford, Texas, June 25.—Ham Foster and son, Gordon, have engaged in the business of raising civet cast or skunks. On their place about ten miles from this city they have a civet cat farm where they breed the little animals for their skins, which are sold to fur dealers. Each skin is worth about $4.

The cats are raised in a pen about seventyfive feet square, inclosed with wire. There are now about sixty-five kittens on the farm, and eight or ten mother cats.

T. S. Lankford left Wednesday morning for points east in the interest if his matress factory.

F. W. Greber, of Brownwood, president of the West Texas Telephone Co., had business in Ballinger between trains Tuesday.

G. G. Odom came in from his Coke county ranch Tuesday to spend a few days with home folks and Ballinger friends.

Mr. and Mrs.J.F. Holliday, of Winters came over in their auto Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives and Ballinger friends a few hours.

Clyde Fowler, who is with the Santa Fe at Galveston, came in at noon Wednesday to visit home folks and Balilnger friends a day or two.

D. R. Smith, of the Winters country, who had been to Brownwood on a short business trip. passed through Ballinger at noon Wednesday en route home.

G. W. Greenwell, of South Texas, who is visitng his friend Mr. McLeroy and family north of the city. was among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday and spent a while with the Ledger reporter.

Miss Priscilla Jones returned home Wednesday morning from a short visit to San Agnelo, and says they have splendid stocks of goods in the big houses of that city, but not a single one at all compares favorably with the well kept stock at the Higdon, Melton, Jackson Co.'s stode in our city. Tuesday afternoon and will visit relatives and friends in our city and county a few weeks.

Ed Clayton and Mr. Martin, of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McShann and children. came in from Brown wood at non Wednesday and will visit relatives and friends in our county a few weeks.

R. B. Creasy, returned home Wednesday morning from a short business trip to San Angelo.

G. G. Odom and Jack McGregor left Wednesday at noon for San Angelo, where they will attend the meeting of the Good Roads' Convention, which is in session in that city today.

Miss Kate Reiley, of Brownwood, who had been in Winters on a visit to her sister, passed thru Balinger Wednesday en route home. She was the guest of her friends Miss Ione Cockrell while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Womack, of the Norton country, came in Tues day and Mrs. Womack left on the afternon train for McGregor, where she goes to visit her sister who is in quite feeble health.

Jim Rogers, one of the prominent citizens of the Winters country, and a brother of **Mrs. J.** W. Powell, was in Ballinger Wednesday and shipped out a fine bug gy horse to his son back east. Md. Rogers is an old Texan but has only lived in our city a year, and says he is well pleased with his new home.

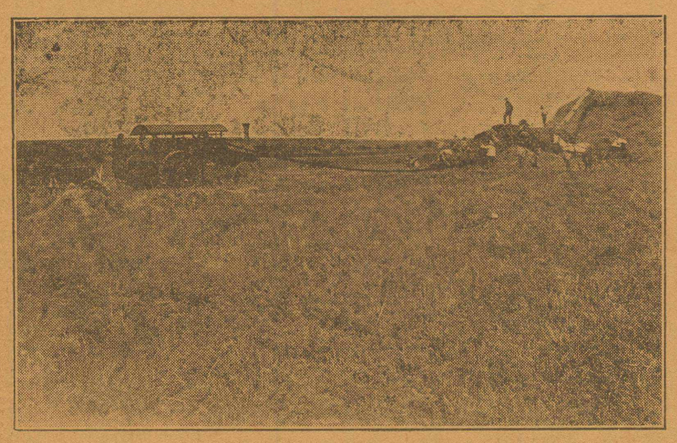
LARGE WOOL SALE MADE.

San Angelo, June 25.—Otto Kuhme, representing the Botany, Worsted Woolen Mills, Passaic, N. J., on Monday bought from local wool dealers a total of 1,500,000 pounds of 12-months wool. This is one of the largest purchases that has been made in this city during the present wool buying season.

Of this amount 650,000 pounds were sold by Wool Growers' Central Storage Co., and 250,000 pounds from C. W. Hobbs. The remaining 500,000 pounds was sold by George Richardson, according to the buyer.

The prices for this amount of wool were not made public, though it was stated that they were lower than last year.

On Saturday March Bros., sold 225,000 pounds of short wool to A. Dunn, a representative of H. C. Judd and Root of Hartford, Conn. This amount represented the entire clip of the March Bros., that firm disposing of all the wool they had in the single deal. The prices were not made public though members of the firm on Monday denied that they received from 18 to 20 cents, according to a current rumor.



A Typical Runnels County Harvest Scene.

W. R. Cole, of Granger. Texas, who had been in our county on business the past few days, left for his home Tuesday afternoon. While here he traded his farm in the Haskell country for the Kerby farm in the Crews country and will move here next year to make his future home. Mr. Cole has friends in our county who recommend him as a splendid citizen and we are glad to have him move to our county.

Deputy Sheriff **John Perkins** had business east between trains Wednesday.

Mrs. C. E. Abernathey and daughter, of Garden City, came in



A Stem Full---Runnels County Peaches

WINS ONE CHEGK CASHES TWO CHECKS

Former Ballinger Man in Trouble at San Angelo. Makes $500 Bond.

San Angelo, June 25.—At a preliminary hearing before Justice J. A. Branch Monday evening, A. B. Vandyke was bound over to the grand jury under a bond of $500, which he made.

He is charged with a check tran saction for $100. According to the testimony brought out at the examining trial Monday the defen dant and M. S. Nevills were play ing poker for the checks. They de cided to raise the pot to $125. Nevills wrote another check for the increased amount while Vandyke it is alleged, pretended to be tear ing up the old check. Instead of destroying it, however, it is said, he tore up a blank. Later he won the $125 check and cashed both checks o na Fort Stockton bank according to the testimony against him.

Mr. Nevills said he did not discover that the $100 check had not been destroyed until he received notice from the bank. The al leged game is said to have taken place in a local rooming house two weeks ago.

STAETMENT MADE IN CASE OF A. B. VANDYKE

Regarding the alleged check transaction for which A. B. Vandyke was bound over to the grand jury Monday Mr. Vandyke made the following statement to the Standard Wednesday morning:

"I never had the cnecks in my possession. Mr. Nevell asked me to fill out the checks and endorse them over to another party who cashed them. This other man is the one who turned them into the bank for collection. Nevell never wrote the second check. I wrote it myself and he signed it after I had filled it out. I never went on the stand at the hearing, and therefore my side of the story was not given in court."—San Angelo Standard.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The folowing transfers of property have been filed for record the past week:

Western Casualty & Guaranty Co., to Interstate Land & Mortgage Company, block S of Farmer and Perry Addition to Miles, consideration $1700.

H. C. Smith to J. M. Watkins, 82 1-2 acres of land out of Thos. M. Fowler Ssurey No. 440, consideration $873.00 and other consideration

L. T. Spence et ux to J. F. Klein part of block I in Farmer and Perry addition to Miles, consideration $100.

J. W. Kendrick et ux to Jno. A. Dunn, block No. 7 in the town of Wingate, consideration $1500.

J. A. Street et ux to J. W. Kendrick block 7, in the town of Wingate, consideration $2000.

M. F. Hamilton et ux to J. W. Saunders, 160 acres out of S. P. Ry, Co. survey No. 18, consideration $387.50 and other consideration.

Wm. Yarbough et ux F. E. Voss west 1-2 of block No. 44, lot 2 in Boykin's addition to Miles, consideration $850.

J. H. Gallbreath to G. W. Thompson lot 4 in block 10, of Thomas Addition to Bradshaw, consideration $40.

B. B. Halcomb, et ux to J. H. Gallbreath lot 4 in block 10, of Thomas addition to Bradshaw, consideration $40.

J. R. Perry to W. E. Martin 160 acres of land out of M. Baggs survey No. 18, consideration $3,200.

Marriage License.

S. E. Caskey to Miss Rube Starkey, Balinger

N. Passur to Miss Bertha Rosen wasser, Ballinger.

A. A. Harrison to Miss Bettie Pumphrey, Pumphrey.

FINE PIG.

W. E. Allen, of West End, received by express Tuesday a fine registered Poland China male pig as a present from his nephew Wayman Ellis, of Goliad county, and the pig is a perfect picture and Mr. Allen is very proud of the same and will place him with his herd of fine hogs on his ranch northwest of the city.

S. B. Caperton, of the Maverick country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Charlotte Mayfield left Tuesday afternoon for Cuero, Kerrville and other points in that section where she will visit relatives and friends during her summer vacation. Miss Charlotte will attend college in Brownwood the coming school year.

Misses Routh and Vera Nicholson returned home Tuesday afternoon from a short visit to relatives at Miles.

EFFICIENCY CAMPAIGN.

For the past three or four weeks the members of the Tenth Street Church of Christ have been engaged in a campaign for church efficiency. This is being done by means of studies and Bible readings given at the Wednesday night meetings and on Lord's Days. The object is to gain a clearer conception of the church and to train for more efficient service. Such subjects as the following are being studied. The church? What it is, and what is its Functions?

The Local church. Its Opportunities and Needs.

The Head of the Church.

Tonight the subject of study will be Church Organization and Government.

Come and bring your Bible. you wlil be helped.

FRED CARTER,
Minister.

J. M. Radford Grocery Co.

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Insist on your dealer filling your order with Maxwell House Blend Coffee, None Better.

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We can't guarantee good looks, but you'll never look better than in one of our photographs. "We're here to prove it!"

WILBOURN STUDIO

HUTCHINS AVE. BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Purely Personal

Uncle Warren Williams, of Miles was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. K. V. Northington left Monday morning for Brownwood to visit with friends a few days.

Reuben Dunn left Saturday afternoon for Coleman to visit friends a few days.

Lon Mapes, of Pony creek, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

Paul Best returned home Monday morning from a short visit to San Angelo.

J. L. Lee, of the Maverick country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

John Wiseman and Aubry Dunn came in from Yoakum Sunday night to visit home folks and Ballinger friends a few weeks.

Ralph Davis was among the number from our city, who left Saturday afternoon for Galveston on the excursion train.

Walter S. Mullin, after a pleasant visit to home folks and Ballinger friends, left Monday afternoon for his new home in New Mexico.

Mrs. J. M. Thompson and two children left Saturday afternoon for Cedar Hill, Texas, to visit relatives and friends a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hoelscher, of Olfin, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy born to them two weeks ago last Tuesday.

V. Rosenwasser, of Sweetwater came in Sunday morning and was here to be present at the marriage of his sister in our city Sunday night.

Master Billie Nash left Monday for Midland, Texas, en route to Andrews, Tex. where he will spend the summer with his grand father, Uncle Joe Routh.

M. P. Collins, the boss carpenter and contractor, left Monday for Wichita Falls, where he will look after some contract work a few weeks.

Paul Tremmier and H. M. Josey, the local abstract men, left Sunday afternoon for Dallas, where they go to attend the State Abstractor's Association.

Charlie Allen left Saturday afternoon on a short visit to Brownwood, and madam rumor says when he returns will bring his bride with him.

Mrs. N. L. Trammell, of Calvin, Texas, who had been visiting her father-in-law, R. M. Trammell and family the past few days, left Saturday afternoon for her home.

Miss Pearl Hadden, of Blanket, who had been visiting her uncle, Joe Hadden and family the past few weeks, returned home Saturday afternoon.

Wm. Roberts Sr., of the Talpa country, was tranasacting business in Ballinger Saturday and was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Bushong while here.

S. R. Richardson, one of the successful farmers southwest of the city, was shopping in Ballinger last Saturday and reports crops doing well in his neighborhood.

Mrs. W. A. Foreman, of Talpa, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shaffer and Ballinger friends the past week, returned home Saturday afternoon.

J. M. Mays, of Waco, who had been visiting his brother-in-law, W. T. Malone of the Maverick country, the past week, came in and left Saturday afternoon for his home.

Frank Stuart left Monday afternoon to look after farming interests near Winters a few days.

West Texas Telephone Company.

"The System Reliable."

"Cost Is The Father And Compensation Is The Mother Of Progress."

It cost the people of Ballinger something to transform the wide place in the road of twenty-seven years ago to the beautiful, progres sive Ballinger of to-day. It was not done without disappointments and hard work, but the compensation certainly justifies the labor. The fact that success has crowned the efforts of those who have striven to make a city out of a wilderness is due to the progressiveness of its citizenship. We congratulate you on the achievments of the past twenty-seven years, and sincerely trust that the next will show as marked improvement.

THE WEST TEXAS TELEPHONE COMPANY, like the city of Ballinger, did not have an auspicious beginning. We started little and grew up with the country, and it is with pardonable pride that we point to the fact that we now have something over 700 rural and city subscribers connected to our Ballinger exchange. Ballinger has direct connection with its tributary trade territory, and has copper metallic circuits connecting it with the larger markets. Thus the people of Ballinger are able to enjoy the same comprehensive long distance service that is furnished in the larger cities. Ballinger has the Universal Service connection—a service that is all that the name implies.

Our slogan has always been, "Reliability," and in order to be reliable we must give value received. We furnish telephone service at rates which enables our compensation to legitimately exceed our cost.

The something for nothing idea is tabooed by all thinking people. Without cost there can be no compensation, and without compensation there can be no progress, and no concern which is not imbued with the spirit of progress, can be a credit to any city.

It is our aim not only to keep our business apace with the development of your city, but far enough in advance to furnish telephone service to all those who desire it.

OURS IS UNIVERSAL SERVICE

MANY DELEGATES AT GOODS ROADS MEET

Move Started to Establish Auto High Way From Colorado to Gulf.

For the last two or three days autos have been passing through Ballinger en route to San Angelo, where many delegates are assembling for a Highway meeting.

Cars from Colorado and New Mexico, and all along the line down through the Texas Panhandle, have gone to San Angelo. where today several hundred delegates are discussing plans for the building of a public highway from a point in Colorado, probably Den ver, to the Gulf, the final destination of the road being Corpus Christi.

J. W. Dale, Albert Spill, Ed Eason, Jerry Cox and J. F. Holliday, of Winters passed through Wednesday morning, and were joined here by H. Giesecke and Jo Wilmeth.

Angelo is making great preparation to entertain the delegates.

San Angelo, June 25.—All is in readiness for the big good roads meeting, for the purpose of estab lishing, the automobile highway from Colorado to the Gulf, which will be held in this city Wednesday.

Delegttes from all places along the route from Colorado Springs to Corpus Christi are on the way in cars. Some of them are expect ed to reach San Angelo this evening and the remainder Wednesday morning.

Two sessions will be held, one in the morning, beginning at 9:30 o'clock at the Princess Theatre, and the other in the afternoon, beginning at 2:30 in the same hall. At 11:30 a barbecue will be served at Leedale. Thi sis for the benefit of the delegates, visitors, members of the San Angelo Motor Club and all who have assisted and donated toward the entertain ment of the delegates. The crowds will leave the Landon Hotel at 11:30 o'clock.

The following men are scheduled to speak at the morning session:

Homer B. Wade, secretary Texas Good Roads' Association, Stamford, Texas; Mr. Seth M. Holman, secretary Chamber of Commerce, Amarillo, Texas; Mr. B. O. Brown, editor Semi-Weekly Herald, Plainview.

C. B. Metcalfe, will deliver the address of welcome, while E. C. Sperry of Raton, N. M., has been selected to respond in behalf of the visitors.

SPRING HILL NEWS.

Crop conditions are most favorable in our community. Most all crops are clean and in growing condition. Threshing is about over while the yield was not quite so good as last year it done very well considering all conditions, as a general thing feed crops are good some are neding a good soaking ran. We have had some good showers, but need a good rain.

Several new binders have been bought in our community this season, that indicates prosperity. There is plenty of work and nobody that wants to work can be without a job.

Mrs. Voglesang is visiting her old home in Missouri after many years of residence in Texas. Mrs. Voglesang has a new auto. He now has it bridled wised and made a trip to Hatchel last Sunday.

Mrs. Parr will be home from the sanitarium this week, much improved.

Miss Kattie Smith of East Texas, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. Aycock.

Everybody isinvited to Sunday school which meets at 3 p. m.

"KNOX."

DO YOU LIKE IT?

Something New In Our Line.

DRIED BEEF BOILED HAM VEALLOAF

Sliced and orders filled for any quanty---You will like it, give us a trial order.

If you care what you eat you can findthe best at our store.

We join in welcoming you to Ballinger's big picnic and we will welcome you at our store.

L. B. Stubbs

A QUIET HOME WEDDING.

Marked by simplicity, yet beautiful its settings, was the wedding at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon of Miss Dixie Jeans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Jeans, and Delbert Hankins, one of the best known young cattlemen and ranchers in Reeves county. Rev. Joel Frank Hedgpeth officiated at the ceremony and Miss Lillian Pruett rendered the "Flower Song" at the piano. Mr. and Mrs. Hankins left on the afternoon train for San Angelo, Galveston, San Antonio and other points in East Texas, and the exact date of their return is not known even to their most intimate friends, and probably not to themselves.

Mrs. Hankins has lived in and near Pecos for several years and has been accounted one of the most beautiful and popular young women of the city. Her charms of manner was so winning that she had hosts of friends here, but despite this fact, the wedding was only a home affair, no invitations having been issued and only intimates being present.

Mr. Hankins is known to practically everyone in Reeves county. For several years he has raised cattle for the market and is a young man of the highest standing among those who know him.

They were the recipients of many beautiful presents.—Pecos Times.

Miss Dixie Jeans is well known to many of our citizens, having liv ed in our county with her parents for several years, and is the granddaughter of Rev. J. W. Raby of our county and is loved by a host of Runnels county friends for many traits of lovely character, all of whom join The Ledger in congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benton, of Fort Gibson, Miss., came in Friday night and will be the guests of their nephew, W. B .Ray and family a few weeks. Mr. Benton left Monday at noon to visit at San Angelo a few days.

KILL THE FLY.

(By Mrs. E. P. Turner Chairman Homes and Schools, Farm Life Commission.)

With the buzzing of flies every where carrying disease germs and filth on their spongy feet and depositing their harbingers of death on the faces of children and on food of all kinds to be eaten by the family, it is time to begin the fight on this arch allie of the cemetery.

The hog cholera in a community creates quite a commotion, when there is disease among the chickens the housewife is frighten ed, the boll weevil terrorizes the cotton farmer and the strong arm of the law is thrown around the cattle to protect them against the fever, yet the fly, the most deadly enemy to human life, glides subtilely throughout the length and breadth of the land, unchallenged carrying disease on its wings and leaving death and destruction in its wake. So noiseless and cunning does it wield the sickle of death that it takes a deadly toll of thous ands of human lives per annum without arousing serious resentment.

It is in the power of the farmer to protect his family from such danger. The house should be screened. No accumulation of filth should be permitted on the place and no decaying material of any sort be exposed or allowed around the place. The food on the table affords a cordial reception to bacteria and microbes flourish in milk and when exposed to contamation even drinking water has its perils. Scraps from the kitchen table and vegetable fesuse are a joy to lifeloving miscrobes. It takes 9 days for the common fly to hatch and one pair will lay millions of eggs. If there is no dirt or filth there will be no flies. Take an inventory of your premises remove filth and kill the flies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. McCarver and two children, of Texas City, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Corbet and Ballinger friends, left for their home Saturday afternoon.

Heat Is Quick to Affect the Bowels

Well-Known Fact That Extreme Heat Conduces to Chronic Constipation.

So many people are in the habit of eating cold food in hot weather that constipation is very common during summer. It is best to vary the food and have some hot things as, for example, soups and hot fish and meats, if that is to be the diet. Iced water should be drunk sparingly.

In spite of all care people will be come constipated, and if you find yourself in that condition you can get immediate relief by the use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. There is no time of the year when you should be more careful of constipation than in the summer, for many of the serious illnesses as well as the fatalities result from a clogging up of the bowels. You also need general good health to withstand the heat. and hence Syrup Pepsin is best to take because it contains tonic ingredients that help to build up the entire system.

Numerous users throughout the land will verify these facts, among them Mr. George C. Allen



408 N. Main St., Reading, Miss., who recovered his health completely after using only two bottles and Miss Anna Schoff, 249 S. Washington St., Baltimore, Md., who uses it for constipation and now has her mother and friends also using it. They now avoid drastic remedies like cathartics, tablets, purgatives, salt waters, pills and such things. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is mild and pleasant, and children like it. You can obtain it of any druggist at fifty cents and one dollar a large bottle. Each bottle must do what is clamed or your money will be refunded.

Families wishing to try a free sample bottle can obtain it, postpaid, by addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 418 Washington St, Monticello, Ill.

PASSUR-ROSENWASSER

The beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony of the Jewish church conducted by Rabbi H. Rosenwasser, of Baton Rouge, La. at the M. E. church in Ballinger Sunday evening at 8:00 p. m. was the culmination of two loving hearts, that of Mr. Nathan Passur, of San Antonio and Miss Bertha Rosenwasser. The best man was A. Levy and Mrs. A. Levy, sister of the bride, was brides maid.

The bride was becomingly dressed in a beautiful white Brocaded Chamuse, trimmed in real Irish lace and the groom was dressed in the conventional black.

A most sumptuous reception supper at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenwasser at which time about fifty friends and relatives of the contracting parties participated, and on this occasion Rabbi Rosenwasser was toast master and delivered the first toast and others followed and made appropriate toasts, among whom were, Mr. Fischlovitz, of St. Louis, Miss Mary Phillips, Dr. W. B. Halley and last but not least was the beautiful soul stiring song by Mr. E. Berman to a violin occompaniment. Those fortunate enough to attend the reception were: Mrs. A. Schawe and daughter miss Olga, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cameron, Miss Mary Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schnider, Mr. and Mrs George Kearney, Dr. W. B. Halley Max Newman, A. Levy and family Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Taylor, and the out of town guests were: Rabbi H Rosenwasser of Baton Rouge, La., V. Rosenwasser, I. Levy and A. I. Berman of Sweetwater, M. Levy and H. Figenbaum of Seguine, E. Berman, of Miles, and J. Fischlovitz, of St. Louis H. Wilinesky of Brady.

After happy congratulations and best wishes, the happy young couple left on the afternoon Santa Fe Monday afternoon for San Antonio, where they will make their future home. Mr. Passur is a prominent young business man of San Antonio and Miss Bertha, the bride, is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenwasser of Ballinger and has a host of admiring friends here who join The Ledger in wishing for her and husband all the richst blessings that the all wise Creator can bestow.

Mrs. Henkes, of Midland, Texas, who had been in our city on a short visit and to look after some land interests, left Monday afternoon for her home.

CUPID IS AROUSED FROM HIS LETHARGY

It may be because it is June, or there may be other reasons; anyway the past two days have been busy ones for Cupid, the following wedding licenses being issued:

Miss Annie M. McCollum and Clyde M. Presley will marry Tuesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents in Mason. They will be at home in San Angelo after June. 30

Miss Alma Lee Smith and Kelly McWhorter will marry at 6 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. A. Pratt, 617 East Harris avenue. They will spend a week with the bride's parents in Blackwell. They will return the latter part of the week and reside at 440 East Preusser.

Miss Minnie Lewis and E. J. Hardgrave of this city will marry Monday at the bride's home in Bertram. They will be at home after July 5 at 319 Spaulding.—San Angelo Standard.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of $1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis

J. W. Francis returned home Saturday night from Calvert, where he and his family had been visiting Mrs. Max McCray the past two weeks Mrs. Francis and Miss Cordia will visit at that place a few weeks longer before returning home. Miss Kathleen, who had been teaching music near Calvert accompanied her father home to spend the summer.

Splendid Farm for Sale

A splendid little farm adjoining city limits of Ballinger. Let me show you. A. J. EDWARDS, Ballinger, Texas 1td 1w

L. P. Woods, of old Runnels and E. B. Walker, of the Hatchel country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon. Mr. Walker says they are needing rain out his way, as they have not had as much rain recently and most other parts of the county.

COMPLETE BIRTH DAY PROGRAM

Committee Working Out Details and Perfecting Arrangements for Successful Celebration Next Saturday.

The program for the anniversary celebration to be held Saturday has been completed and turned over to the printer. It is probable there will be a few changes but we have been assured that no changes will be made that will detract from the program, and any changes, if made will add to the program.

The grounds have been put in good shape, and everything is being made ready for the big crowd that is due here. We have interviewed a number of citizens from different sections of the county, and they report that the entire county will be well represented here. The delegates from Winters to the good roads meet at San Angelo passed through Ballinger Wednesday morning, and they report that many people are planning to come from that section of the county.

The barbecue committee has completed all arrangements for feeding the people. The meat, which will be prepared in Fort Worth, and which will come to Ballinger in fireless cookers, will be here in due time. This is a scheme, and many are anxious to see how it plans out. The big company that is supplying the meat is behind the proposition with a guarantee to make good, and they have too much interest in the matter to come up short in anything.

All business houses will close up promptly at 11 o'clock and remain close for several hours, and the entire town will act as hosts to the people from the country. Ballinger stands with open arms ready to receive the people from the country. They have been patiently waiting for a long time for the opportunity togive the country people and visitors from other towns a sample of Ballinger's hospitality. They will do it on this occasion. There will be entertainment for all classes, and you are expected to be here to enjoy it.

TheProgram.

Judge Jno. I. Guion master of Ceremonies.

Staurday Morning

10:00 Music..Ballinger Concert Band.
10:15 March to Park Band playing.
10:30 Music—Ballinger Concert Band.
10:45 Welcome Address by J. W. Powell.
11:00 Address by Hon. W. J. Bryan.
11:45 Address by Hon. B. Young blood.
12:30 Dinner.

Afternoon

1:30 Music Ballinger Concert Band.
2:00 Baby Contest—All babies not over 18 months old Eligible. First National Bank gives $5 in gold to best developed and most perfect boy not or 18 months old. Ballinger State Bank gives $5 in gold to best developed and most perfect boy not over 18 18 months old.
2:45 Music Ballinger Concert Band.
3:00 Address Hon. Victor Miller.
Music by Band.
3:30 Address Hon Chas. B. Metcalf.
Music by Band.
4:00 Address Hon. A. N. Rooks.
4:30 Base Ball Game Ballinger vs Brownwood.
6:00 Fireman's Race.

MEXICANS MURDER 2 TEXAS OFFICERS

Ranger and Deputy Sheriff Killed at El Paso—Nine Mexicans Have Bee Arrested.

El Paso, Tex., June 24.—Civilian guards have been doubled about the El Paso smelter since shooting yesterday in which state Ranger Scott Russell, Deputy Sheriff J. L. Garlicy and Mrs. Mariano Guadarama met death. The United States miltiary is also assisting in patroling the Mexican settlement surrounding the smelter.

Nine Mexicans, including three of the Guadarama boys, in whose place the shooting occurred, are being held in the county jail. The killing of the officers followed the arrest last week by two officers of Sabino Guadarama, Will Hill and L. Dominguez on a charge of cattle rustling. The three men were out on bond. Both officers have been instrumental in running down several alleged cattle theieves.

The two men entered Jose Guadarma's store to buy tobacco Monday morning and immediately the shooting took place. The two officers were shot in the back of the head. Mrs. Guadarama, wife of the owner of the store, struck by a stray bullet and died last night in a hospital.

Confined in the county jail are Juan Jesus Davis, Sabino and Adolpho Guadarama T. Echeverria, Pablo Ramos, Manuel Ochoa, and Levis Dominguez.

The two dead officers had been on duty some time guarding the El Paso smelter where there is a strike in progress of Mexican employers.

Russel was a native of Stephenville, Texas, and his body will be shipped there for interment. His father, Sam Russell, is fire marshal of Stephenville.

DANGEROUS CALOMEL GOING OUT OF USE.

A Safer, More Reliable Remedy Has Taken Its Place in the Drug Store and in the Home.

A few years ago, men, women and children took calomel for a sluggish liver and for constipation. They took risks when they did so, for calomel is a dangerous drug. Your family doctor will be the first to tell you this if he discovers you dosing yourself with calomel.

But the drug trade has found a safer, more pleasant remedy than calomel in Dodson's Liver Tone.

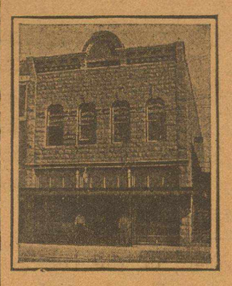
The Walker Drug Store tell us that their drug store sells Dodson's Liver Tone in practically every case of biliousness and liver trouble where calomel used to be taken.

Dodson's Liver one is a vegetable liver tonic that is absolutely harmless for children and grown people. It sells for 50 cents a bottle and is guaranteed to be satisfactory by the Walker Drug Co., who will refund your money with a smile if it does not give quick, gentle relief without any of calomel's unpleasant after- effects.

Mrs. Maxey Wilson, of the river country, south of Ballinger came in Monday at noon to visit friends in the city a day or two. Miss Ione Cockrell who had been visiting with her the past week, returned home today.

J. T. Carter says it pays to raise chickens even on a small scale, as he sold a small bunch Saturday that brought him over five dollars and as that was more money than he needed he gave the reporter a dollar to keep the Banner-Ledger coming for another year.

From a Bench to a Building.



The old timers in Ballinger will no doubt call to mind my first year's jewelry business in Ballinger. I occupied a small space in E. D. Walker's drug store, in the building now occupied by the First National bank. That was fifteen years ago, and my business consisted only in repairing; I had no stock at that time. Later I put in a small stock of jewelry, using a show case, and one show window in Bill Humphrey's confectionery. I continued business here until my business increased until I had to have more room, and I then bought out Mr. Humphrey in order to secure the needed room, where my business continued to grow until I built my present business home on Hutchins Avenue.

My record is an open book, and one that I am pleased to say has not been a failure. I have worked for the people all over Runnels and adjoining counties, and for many strangers, I feel that in most cases I have given satisfaction, and this being true, my business has been devel oped with the country,

I am proud to be here on Ballinger's 27th birthday; and join in helping to celebrate the occasion. I extend a hearty invitation to you to visit my store and make yourself at home.

Come to see me. I want to see you.

Yours for a Happy birthday,

James E. Brewer

ONLY ONE DEAD LETTER AT BALLINGER

All letters uncalled for after remaining in the post office for a certain length of time are advertised. It is interesting to note from the list just submitted to this paper for publication, that there is only one dead letter in the Ballinger office, and that is for Miss Iola Sharp If Miss Sharp is any where in this neck of the woods, and will call at the Ballinger office she will reecive her letter. Judging from this everybody is getting their mail.

WITH NEWSPAPER AID LIET. GOVERNOR MAYES WILL RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Austin, Tex., June 23.—That Lieutenant Governor Mayes is seriously considering entering the race for governor is apparent to close students of political indications. If he does enter the race it will be with the understanding that a large number of the newspapers of the state will be friendly to and active in behalf of his political interests.

Wallace Francis returned home Saturday night from an extended visit to relatives and friends back East. He attended the closing exercises of the A. & M. College while gone and visited Galveston and other points in the State while taking his summer vacation.

Charlie Corder left Monday at noon for Miles, where he goes to get a bunch of horses he recently bought at that place.

PROMINENT CITIZEN HERE.

Hon. J W Neil, one of the State directors of the Farmers' Institute, under the direction of Judge Cone, was in Ballinger Wednesday en route to Miles, where he will address the citzens of that place this afternon Mr Neil will be in our city Saturday, June 28th to attend Ballingers' anniversary celebration and will deliver an address to our people on that occasion. He is well posted on agricultural subjects and will explain the plans of fighting the ravages of tree bores and insects that infect parts of the state.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willingham and their two children left Sunday for Palestine, Texas, where Mrs. Willingham and the children will visit relatives a few weeks. Ralph returned home Monday at noon from Temple, where he accompanied his family to see them off to Palestine.

J. F. Dean, one of the irrigation farmers, up the river, was in the city Saturday and informed us he was through threshing his oats and says they turned out 75 bushels to the acre, which is a pretty big difference between 25 or 30 bushels on land not irrigated in the county. It pays to irrigate.

New Ideas

mean progress. The watchword is forward. Join the march by opening an account with The Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger Texas.
It pays to do business with this bank, try us.

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---12 Days Harvest Bargains--- Clean sweep of all Seasonable merchandise before stock taking, sacrificed. Don't fail to see

D. REEDER

F. E. Clayton, of the Benoit country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Tuesday.

Hatton Laxon left Monday afternoon for the East on a business trip.

Bill Stewart and little son, of the Millersview country, were supplying in Ballinger Monday.

Rev. J. W. Raby, of Valley creek, came in Monday to attend the protracted meeting at the Holiness church in our city.

Frank Strum returned home Tuesday at noon from Fort Davis where he had been doing some rock work.

Miss Priscilla Jones left at noon Tuesday for San Angelo to visit ner brother Sam Jones and family for a few days.

Dave Bradshaw, of Bradshaw, Texas, was here to meet the commissioners court Tuesday on tax matters.

Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, came in Tuesday morning to look after legal affairs in our city a day or two.

H. W. Armbrecht, one of the successful citizens of the Winters country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Miss Bertha Rasbury returned home a few days ago from an extended visit to Georgetown, Navasota and other points in that section.

Miss Mary Mohlier, of Temple, who had been visiting her cousin Frank Mohlier and family for some time past, left for her home Monday afternoon.

M. E. Harrell, of the Hatchel country, was here Tuesday to have his son operated on for appendicitis at the Halley & Love Sanitarium.

J. M. Adams, of Wingate and Edgar Jayroe, of Crews, came in Tuesday morning to be at their post of duty in the commissioners court, acting as a Board of Equalization of the 1913 tax rolls.

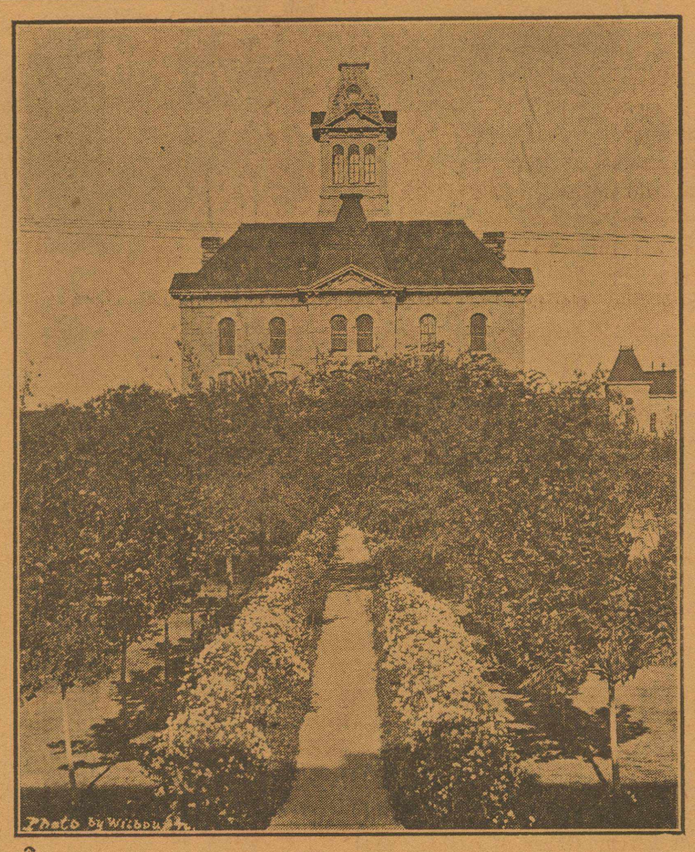
Mrs. Kate Woodward returned home Tuesday at noon from a visit to relatives and friends at Coleman. She was accompanied home by her brother, Judge White who will visit in our city a few days.

Capt. Frank LaMotte and two daughters, Miss Rose Mary and Daisy, left Tuesday at noon to visit friends at San Angelo a few days.

W. R. White, the South Ballinger fruit and truck farmer, left Tuesday at noon on a short business trip to San Angelo.

Ray Burk, of Cameron, formerly of our city, came in Monday night on a visit to his uncle W. H. Secrest and family and Ballinger friends a week or two.

Attorney Morgan Vining, of Austin, visited his grandfather Col. Morgan and family of our city, anl left for Coleman Monday afternoon. He will return here for a more extended xisit before going on home.



County and City Park—Ballinger

Rabbi H. Rosenwasser, of Baton Rouge, La., who had been here to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenwasser and family, and to officiate at the marriage of his sister, left Monday afternoon for his home.

A. B. Burrell, who is traveling for a wholesale grocery firm, spent a few days with his family and Ballinger friends, and left for the East Monday afternoon.

C. N. Craft, of Miles, came in Tuesday morning to meet with the commissioners court who convened today as a Board of Equalization on the county tax renditions.

Mack Watkins returned home Sunday from Graham, Texas, and will visit his parents and Ballinger friends a few weeks

Prof. H. S. Roach, of Paint Rock, is among the number here this week attending the summer normal.

John H. Webb, one of the prosperous river farmers South of the city was here Monday on business and brought with him a fine lot of peaches grown on his place this year. He reports a fairly good crop of peaches this year and says he has one tree in his orchard that has several bushels on it.

H. S. Phillips, of Abilene, general superintendent of the A. & S. Ry., was looking after his company's interests in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. Eubanks, who had been visiting his son Ed Eubanks, of South Ballinger, left at noon Tuesday on a short visit to San Angelo.

Walter Allen, the stockman, left Tuesday at noon on a short business trip to San Angelo and will possibly go to Midland before returning home.

C. Hasse, of the Winters country was among the number in Ballinger Tuesday to adjust his tax rendition with the commissioners court.

Mrs. J. L. Heath returned home Tuesday at noon from a vacation of two weeks at points in the West and reports crops loking fine all over that section.

Mrs. E .L. Cox, of Styles, Texas, came in Tuesday on a visit to her mother, Mrs. H. E. Dickerson and relatives and friends a week or two.

Jamie Skinner came over last Friday from Ballinger to assist in packing and loading the family effects and household goods. These were sent through in wagon Saturday, Jamie and Edwin going along. Mrs. Skinner and the little girls remained in town visiting among friends until Tuesday, when they went to Ballinger, their former home, and where they own a nice home. May good fortune and hapipness ever attend them, is the wish of many friends—Bronte Enterprise.

Charlie Corder had business at Miles between trains Saturday.

Miss Ivy Williams, of Miles, who had been attending the Normal in Ballinger left Friday at noon to visit home folks over Sunday.

John Simmons and little son, of the Pony creek country, were supplying in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

Mrs. F. G. Iglehart, of Austin, one of the prominent Texas authors, after a pleasant week spent in our city with her nephew, W. E. Chambers and family, left Thursday afternoon for San Anna and Brownwood, where she will visit a few days before going on home.

W. H. Mullin, of Winters, was operated upon Wednesday at the Halley & Love sanitarium in Ballinger, for appendicitis and we are glad to report him convalescing very nicely up to the present and his speedy recovery is looked for by his many friends.

John Alexander, of Miles, had business in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

Frank Chapman, of Winters, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Mr. Scott, of Lancaster, Texas, who had been visiting his daughter Mrs Buck at San Angelo, came in Friday afternoon and will visit his daughter Mrs. L. B. Harris a day or two before going on home.

Miss Lois Crews. left Friday afternoon for San Antonio, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. H. W Alexander and family during the summer.

Rev. Father Frigon left Saturday morning for Coleman to conduct his usual Sunday services.

Mrs. Louis Martin, of San Angelo, who had been visitnig relatives and Ballinger friends the past ten days, left Saturday at noon for their home.

Ira Dorton, the A. & S. conductor has just sold his auto to W. A. Nance and bought the J. H. Patterson car and says he always runs his train into Abilene on time these evenings in order to take a drive over the country in his new car.

L. J. Strubie, W. F. Redman and others, of the Rowena country, were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and attended the supper of the Sons of Hermann at the City Park before returning home.

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T. S. Lankford. the matress dealer returned home Friday afternoon from a short business trip West.

Mrs .Walter T. White and children, of Winters, are in the city on a visit to her brother Grover McAden and family for a few days.

Van Ness Lewis, of Winters, who had been in our city on business the past few days, left Saturday afternoon for his home.

Landa Cleveland left Saturday at noon to visit at San Angelo a few days and will go to Houston to visit his sons for some time.

E. M. Sester, of the Norton country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Judg and Mrs J. W. Powell and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frazier, of Lampasas, made the trip to Winters Thursday in Mr. Fraziers' auto and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rodgers and family. Judge Powell says he never saw the crops along the road look as well for many years past as they do at present.

W. W. Bird, the barber. had business at Miles between trains Monday.

Mrs. J. D. Norwood and children returned to Ballinger Monday at noon from Temple and will make this home again. Mrs. Norwood and also the children were tickled to death to be back at their old home and says there is no better place than Ballinger to live in.

Gus Cockrell left Sunday morning for Amarillo, where he has a position on the Morning News of that city.

Charlie Northington, who had been visiting relatives and Ballinger friends the past week, left Saturday afternoon for Houston, where he will visit a while before going on to San Antonio.

V. Rosenwasser, of Sweewater, who had been in our city to attend the marriage of his sister Sunday, left Tuesday afternoon for Abilene where he goes to purchase a $30,000 or $40,000 stock of merchandise for their stores at Ballinger and Sweetwater.

J. W. Huffins, the Winters hotel man, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to points in the East on a short business trip.

BELL COUNTY MAN KILLS SELF AND WIFE

Begs Divorced Wife for Picture Being Refused Fires Two Shots.

Lextington, Tex., June 25.—G. W. Witter, recently divorced, shot and killed his wife and then shot himself this afternoon at 2:30 at the New Drummers' hotel, of which Mrs. Witter was proprietress.

This afternoon he telephoned Mrs. Witter to inveigle her into the hotel office and began begging her for a picture.

Upon her refusal he fired two shots into her body and then fired shots into his own breast. Both died instantly. Witter was a former railroad man.

Temple, June 25.—The G. W. Witter, mentioned in the above dispatch, was a former resident of this county, and a brother of Will Witter a truck farmer four miles south of Temple in the Taylor Valley neighborhood.

George Witter was raised in Belton, where he resided until a few years ago, and where his parents still live. He married the woman who was the victim of yesterdays affair sixteen years ago in Fort Worth, and five children were orphaned by the tragedy.

The Witters constitute an old and well known family of this county and there are many relatives residing in Temple, Belton and throughout the entire country.

W. M. Forbus, of the Norton country, was suppliyng in Ballinger Wednesday and reports crop conditions fine in his section.

E. L. Rasbury returned home Wednesday afternoon from a short business trip West.

OFFICERS AMBUSH WHISKEY CARAVEN

Seven Wagon Loads of Contraband and Guard of Eleven Men Captured Near Tulsa.

Tulsa, Okla., June 25.—Twelve United States enforcement officers led by H. A. Larsen of Denver amushed a caravan of wagons laden with liquor southwest of Tulsa early Tuesday, capturing eleven men and seven loads of alleged beer.

Although most of the men were heavily armed no resistence was offered, the officers gaining the drop. Five six-shooters and one repeating rifle was taken from the prisoners. One of the men arrested is Walter Fawcett, now under a five year sentence for alleged murder.

LOST—On streets in Ballinger Monday, one ten dollar bill and a check on Dallas bank for ten dollars. Finder return to Ledger office and get suitable reward. 1d

MOTION FOR NEW HEARING OVRRULED IN BROWN CASE

The court of Criminal Appeals at Austin, Wednesday, overruled a motion for a new hearing in the George Brown murder case. Brown is still in jail here, and it is reported that he will take his case to the United States Supreme court. It will be remembered that he was given a life sentence in District court at this place last April a year ago, for murdering his wife in Brown county.

J. E. Williams and his daughter Mrs. Jim McWhirter returned home Monday at noon from a short visit to relatives and friends at Winters.

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SOLDIERS TO PROTECT TEVANS AT EL PASO

Two Full Regiments of Troops Being Rushed to Border City. Conflict Expected

Washington, June 25.—After Representative Smith of Texas had appealed to President Wilson today to see that Americans in El Paso did not suffer in the threatened battle between Mexican federals and constitutinalists at Juarez, Mr. Smith was assured by the Secretary of war that two full regiments of calvary could be assembled on the Texas border within twelve hours.

Brigadier General Bliss has full authority to concentrate his force whenever necessary for protection of American lives.

Already at Fort Bliss, across the Rio Grande from Juarez are live troops of the second cavalry in adition to the machine gun platon of that regiment. The remainder of the second cavalry is on patrol duty between El Paso and Sierra Blanca, while the thirteenth Calalry is guarding the border between El Paso and Lang's ranch, New Mexico.

Secretary Garrison of the war department later called on the president and informed him there were no reports from the border to warrant alarm and explained the position of troops and explain the position of troops in the vicinity of El Paso. The secretary said afterward that there had been no change in orders issued under the last administration to guard against firing into American territory.

Dick Thorp left Wednesday afternoon for Goldthwaite where he goes to get his auto that he left at that point last week on account of the heavy rains, while he was en route home from a visit back East.

COUNTY PULLS OFF RABBIT BOUNTY

Commissioners Court Will Pay No More for Rabbit Scalps After July 1st. No Authority Says Attorney General.

The commissioners court in session this week passed an order sus pending the jack rabbit scalp bounty, and after July first, next, the clerk is instructed to discontinue paying the bounty.

The action of the court was brought about by a recent ruling of the Attorney General, in which the attorney general holds that the commissioners have no legal right to appropriate funds out of the common county funds for the purpose of paying a bounty on rabbit scalps. The court knew this when the order was passed, but as there seemed to be such a demand for the bounty, it was not thought any question would be raised, and that the court's action would meet with the approval of a great majority of the farmers and citizens of Runnels county. We believe that this is true, and the ruling of the attorney general was not brought about by the question being raised in this county, but in another, and it seems that the rule of objection will be applied to all counties where the bounty has been paid.

County Clerk Parish has paid for 16,000 rabbit scalps since the order was passed four or five months ago. It seems that this number would almost exterminate the pest, but a drive through the country convinces one that there are a few rabbits left.

For Rent.

400 acre pasture on Harvey & Hutton farm three miles from town. Might also buy few calves or yearlings. See W. V. Tubbs on farm or J. K. Hutton. 24-2td 1w

- Watches And Jewelry -

Don't Jail to see me if you need anything in the Jewelry line.

We will make you some very special prices to-day.

Leave your watches with me for repair.

- ASA CORDILL -

THE JEWELER BALLINGER, TEXAS

THE WHITE CITY.

Manager Wilke was disappointed first of the week about his vaudeville troupe, but with his usual hustling qualities got busy and secured for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of this week, The Elsie Van Nally & Co. the world renowned singing, dancing and talking comedians and will present Baby Virginia, the clever little comedian and actor, and the press reports all over Texas are loud in praise of her acts. Mr. Wilke was certainly fortunate to secure at this time this splendid troupe for his popular place of amusement.

RUNNELS COUNTY VOTERS ARE INTELLIGENT PEOPLE

During the past decade we have shown a decrease of 4 1-2 per cent in illiteracy among the voters of this State. We have had much agitation and considerable legislation seeking to withdraw the ballot from the illiterate and the younger generation is apparently better educated and both causes may have contributed towards our registrating a better average.

We have 124 illiterate voters in Runnels county according to a recent census bulletin and 24 per cent of our males of voting age are unable to write The per centage in 1900 was 24. The per centage of illiterates among the natives white voters of this county is 18; foreign born white 87

Out of 1,003,357 males of voting age in Texas 109,328 or 11 per cent are illiterate. In 1900 we had in the entire State 737,768 voters and 15 1-2 per cent were illiterate.

Elders W. D. Black and McMillan came in Tuesday morning from Eldorado where they had been conducting a meeting the past week or two. Elder Black is now located at Thorp Springs and will visit Ballinger friends a few days before going on home.

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED.

The commissioners who had been in Ballinger since Monday as a board of equalization, adjourned at noon Thursday and the commissioners returned to their respective homes, C. N. Craft to Miles, J. M. Adams to Wingate, and Edgar Jayroe to Crews.

CASH ONLY

The Silver Jubilee Sale By A. J. ZAPPE

BEGINNING JUNE 28th, 1913.

We guarantee that this Sale will consist of clean desirable seasonable merchandise for men, women and children at prices that will make all who attend go home well pleased with the merchandise and bargains.

CASH ONLY

$1.50 ladies' shirt waists...$1.23
$10.00 wool shirts $6.98

$1.50 42 inch embroidered voil Silver Jubilee price 98c
$1.25 38 inch embroidered voil Silver Jubilee price 89c
35c voils piece goods, Silver Jubilee price 28c
25c voils piece goods, Silver Jubprice 21c
50c silks piece goods, Silver Jubilee price 43c
$1.00 silks piece goods, Silver Jubilee price 89c
10c and 12 1-2c ginghams Silver Jubilee price 9c
12 1-2c and 15c madrass Silver Jubilee price 10c
10c Domestic, Silver Jubilee price 8c
12 1-2c and 15c English Longcloth Silver Jubilee price 9c
17 1-2c English Longcloth 12 1-2c
15c Batieste 10c
One big lot of Lawns of all kinds Silver Jubilee price 5c

One lot Mens' linen suits. ajob lot $1.98
One lot mens' and youths' suits from $7.50 to $15.00 Silver Jubilee price $3.98
$20.00 Mens' suits, Silver Jubilee price $16.98
$18.00 Mens' suits, Silver Jubilee price $14.98
$16.00 Mens' suits. Silver Jubilee price $12.98
$15.00 Mens' suits Silver Jubilee price $10.48

$10.00 Mens' suits Silver Jubilee price $8.48
$8.50 Boys' suits, Silver Jubilee price $6.98
$7.50 Boys' suits, Silver Jubilee price $5.98
$7.50 Boys' suits, Silver Jubilee price $4.48
$6.50 Boys' suits, Silver Jubilee price $4.24
$5.00 Boys' suits, Silver Jubilee price $3.98
$4.00 Boys' suits Silver Jubilee price $3.48

$6.00 Mens' pants, Silver Jubilee price $4.98
$5.00 Mens' pants Silver Jubilee price $4.24
$4.50 Mens' Pants Silver Jubilee price $3.98
$4.00 Mens' pants Silver Jubilee price $3.98
$3.50 Mens' pants Silver Jubilee price $2.98
$3.00 Mens' pants Silver Jubilee price $2.48
$2.50 Mens' pants Silver Jubilee price $1.98

$8.50 wool shirts $5.48
$6.50 wool shirts $4.48
$8.00 wool shirts $4.98
$2.00 linen shirts $1.43
$2.50 linen shirts $1.98
$2.00 linen shirts, one lot ..$1.23
$1.50 ladies' house dresses..$1 23
$1.25 ladies' house dresses 98c
$1.00 childrens' dresses 89c
$1.50 Norfok suits $1.23
65c Norfok rompers 49c
All childrens' hats and caps at Silver Jubilee prices.

$3.50 ladies' shirt waists 2.79
$1.75 ladies shirt waists $1.39
$1.25 ladies' shirt waists 98c
$1.00 ladies' shirt waists 69c

One lot drummers samples at Silver Jubilee prices.
5000 yards of voil laces at 4c
20,000 yards of laces and embroidery at Silver Jubilee prices.
100 44 inch Swiss embroidery at Silver Jubilee price 59c
75 28 inch Swiss embroidery at 49c

200 moisquito bars at $1.23

One lot ladies corsets at.....50c
One lot ladies' corsets at 25c
One lot laides' muslin underwear, drummers samples. LESS THAN COST.

Mens' and boys' hats and caps at Silver Jubilee prices.

$4.00 laides' white buck shoes at Silver Jubilee price $3.49
$3.50 ladies' white buck shoes at Silver Jubilee price $2.98
$3.00 ladies' white buck shoes at Silver Jubilee price $2.49
$3.50 ladies, one lot shoes Silver Jubilee price $2.49
$2.50 ladies' one lot shoes Silver Jubilee price $1.69
$2.00 ladies' one lot shoes at Silver Jubilee price $1.24
$1.50 ladies' one lot shoe Silver Jubilee price $1.48
$1.75 ladies' sandles Silver Jubilee price 98c
$3.00 Misses' red kid ox shoes Silver Jubilee price $2.74
$2.50 Misses' tan ox shoes Silver Jubilee price $2.24

Trunks, grips and bags at Silver Jubilee prices.

$2.50 Misses' whip cord pump Silver $1.98
$2.50 Misses Whip cord pumps Silver Jubilee prices $1.98
$2.50 Misses' whip corp pumps Silver Jubilee price.....$1.74
$1.75 Misses' whip cord Silver Jubilee price $1.48

$1.50 baby Baby Buster shoes Silver Jubilee price $1.29
$1.00 baby Baby Buster shoes Silver Jubilee price 89c
$1.00 childrens' sandals, Sivler Jubilee price 89c
90c childrens' sandales Silver Jubilee price! 79c
85c childrens' sandals Silver Jubilee prices 74c
75c childrens' sandals Silver Jubilee price 64c
65c childrens' sandals Silver Jubilee price 54c
55c childrens' sandals Jubilee price 44c
$5.00 mens' and boys shoes Silver Jubilee prices $4.24
$4.50 mens' and boys' Silver Jubilee price $3.98
$4.00 mens' and boys' shoes Silver Jubilee price $3.48
$3.50 mens' and Boys' shoes Silver Jubilee price $2.98
$3.50 mens' and boys' Silver Jubilee price..... ....$2.98
$3.00 mens' and boys shoes Silver Jubilee price $2.74
$2.50 mens' and boys' shoes Silver Jubilee price $1.98

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1 lot ladies' black and tan hose 50c quality, pair 35c

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36 inch Hope bleached domestic the yard 10c

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3000 yards, 5 to 10 yards length in ginghams, values 1- 1-2c special the yard 9c

10-4 Pepperell sheeting, bleached, the yard 25c

40 inch Brown Domestic percale finish, the yard 9c

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$3.50 Boys' suits $2.95

$3.00 Boys' suits $249

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